TODAY



JOANNA BALE AND PHILIP WEBSTER

ALLEGATIONS of an illegal

relationship with a homosexual teenager yesterday put the future of a Conservative MP in doubt

and marred John Major's launch of an election campaign that

could last up to four months.

After Mr Major unleashed a

ferocious attack on the opposition

parties plans for constitutional change, semor Conservatives

were last night urging lerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, to go quickly and quietly to avoid further embarrassment to the Prime Minister's crusade to put the family at the heart of Tory

Mr. Major was questioned about the accusations during his

first interview of the election year, and last night he and senior ministers were reported to be

irritated that a new attempt to

revive Tory fortunes had been overshadowed by another sex

scandal involving a Tory MP. Mr Hayes, 43, who is married with two children, denied any

semial relationship with Paul Stone, who was 18 when their friendship began. A constituency official disclosed that Mr Haves

had confessed to him that he had been in danger of developing

Mr Stone is understood to have received E75,000 for selling his

claims to the News of the World through the publicist Max Clif-

nal age of consent was 21.

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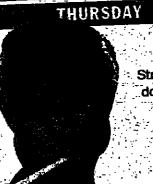
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A recent photograph of Jerry Hayes with his wife, Alison, and their children, La

days ago that John Major's new push on family values was bound to end in tears and it has."

ferd. The paper first learnt of the story on Christmas Eve. The Harlow is one of the Tories' more vulnerable seats - Mr relationship was alleged to have Hayes had a majority of 2,940 at begun in 1992 when the homosexthe last election — and constitu-ency officers are to meet the MP The episode is an embarrassshortly to discuss his future. A ment to the Tories who will today full meeting of the executive committee will be held in two

launch an expensive advertising campaign against Labour, with the slogan "New Labour, New Faihrre". The theme is that a Mr Hayes is not a minister and his fate therefore rests with the Labour government would all association rather than with the Cabinet or Conservative Central John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said: "I said a couple of Office. But senior Tories said that

he would best serve Mr Major by not standing at the election and allowing his constituency to pick a replacement. This is what

room after a sponsor is the best

way to generate revenue."

But there is some hope for a

comeback by the South African

leader at Oxford, where the Mandela bar was recently restored

by New College after several years

as the Joanna Lumley Room. At Bristol, students defeated a motion

to rename its Mandela Bar as the

Mandela is also preserved at the

National Union of Students' head-

quarters in London. A spokeswoman said: There are no plans to change the name of the building.

Nelson Mandela was very impor-

tant to the student movement. He

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left at the Nelson Mandela

building, no, the er Joanna

is our honorary president."

Noel Edmonds Imbibing Suite.

ministers expect to happen. Mr Major declined to com-ment on the allegations when he began his new year fightback on BBC Television's Breakfast With

Frost. The Prime Minister mounted a fierce onslaught against Labour and the Liberal Democrats after indications yesterday that they were close to a deal on constitutional reform, including abolition of voting rights for hereditary peers and

plans for a Scottish parliament. Mr Major put himself at the forefront of his party's campaign. announcing a series of national news conferences before the election to ensure that his views got

across to voters. His overall message was of the fundamental differences" between the Tories and Labour on issues such as Europe, the economy and the constitution and the risk Labour would pose to years of Tory achievement. Britain's prospects were good, Mr Major said. Was now the time for voters to take a "leap into the dark" to

something wholly unknown and David Roberts, chairman of

the Harlow association, confirmed that he had requested a meeting with Mr Hayes but he voiced his support for the MP. "i spoke briefly to Jerry last night. The comments that I have had from other members have been very supportive. He is a very good constituency MP and he works very hard for the town. People do have feelings for

other people. In this case, Jerry said he accepted that those feelings were perhaps in danger of

becoming unhealthy and it stopped at that point. There was

nothing sexual." Simon Carter, chairman of the Conservative political committee at Harlow and former leader of the Tory group on the district Council, said: With John Major's recent announcement about family values, I was not surprised that one of the tabloids came up with something like this. Jerry says nothing untoward happened and we believe him."

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Sinn Fein leaders in **IRA** video

By NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A NEW IRA propaganda video designed to bolster support for the terrorists' campaign of violence after the collapse of their ceasefire —features footage of Gerry Adams

and Martin McGuinness.

The two men, who have consistently denied that they are IRA leaders, appear on the 55-minute video sandwiched between lengthy shots of masked terrorists firing automatic rifles and mortar

Mr Adams, 48. president of Sinn Fein, is shown giving a clenched fist salute at a republican rally in Belfast in a section of the video covering the 1994 IRA ceasefire. He and Mr McGuinness, 46, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, then make two further appearances in a section of the tape in which they blame Britain for the collapse of the ceasefire in February last year. The producers of the tape, emitted IRA in our Streets and in our Countryside, pirated interviews with the Sinn Fein leaders from the BBC and Ulster

The disclosure of the tape's existence by The Times led to calls last night for Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness to be arrested and charged with IRA membership. Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said the Government had no excuse for failing to crack down on the two. men because the video clearly identified them as IRA leaders,

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Mandela ousted as student bar hero

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

NELSON MANDELA is losing his status as an icon for youth. Two-thirds of student unions have dropped his name from their bars or buildings in favour of more trendy heroes, including Des Lynam, Freddie Mercury and Oasis.

At the peak of his fame as a cause célèbre, the South African President was adopted by at least 30 universities. But he has been dropped in favour of Des Lynam. the BBC presenter, as the figure-head of Warwick University's bar as students want to attract more sports players.

Both Coventry and Leicester universities now have Oasis instead of Mandela bars. Ryan Fay. president at Coventry, said students had not forgotten Mr Mandela. He said there was "a time and a place for politics" and Oasis, the band of the decade, was a more suitable name for a bar.

The Nelson Mandela Ballroom at Durham University was renamed after Margot Fonteyn two years ago and a Mandela room at Exerer has become the Freddie Mercury Suite in honour of the late lead singer of Queen.

Mr Mandela's name now survives at only 11 student venues, and several of them are likely to expunge him this year.

Some students believe idealism is being replaced by business realities. Tom Wilcox, vice-president at Queen Mary's College, London, said students were more concerned with standards of service, not political issues. That means sponsorship, and naming a

Henman loses to Courier in final Tim Henman reached an ATP

Tour final for the first time, in the Qatar Open in Doha, but was beaten by Jim Courier, the former world No I, 7-5, 6-7, 6-2.

To put Henman's achievement into perspective, Courier, who has four grand-slam singles titles to his name, represented Henman's first serious challenge of the week. However, Henman appears to have lost none of the momentum he gathered in 1996.....Page 25

Vatican apologises to Jews for 'errors'

The Vatican is to apologise formally for the "anti-Semitic errors" of Catholicism as part of an attempt to reconcile Christianity, Indian and Islam in time for the Judaism and Islam in time for the millennium.

A commission will examine the persecution of Jews by the Inquisition and Catholic attitudes towards Nazism

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Actors in Tory tear-jerker campaign are sworn to secrecy

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE "real people" at the heart of the Tories' new multimillion-pound poster cam-paign are not real at all, but are actors who have been forced by the party to sign a Written undertaking not to

reveal their true identities. Stung by the publicity over their "Demon eyes" campaign last August, the Conservative Party and its advertising agency. M&C Saatchis, have gone to great lengths to ensure that the people used in their five new posters - to be unveiled today under the theme that a Labour government "would all end in tears"

"Demon eves" campaign featured a picture of Tony Blair, the Labour leader, with two sinister eyes superimposed on

The actor whose eyes were used in the poster subsequently said he would have turned down the job had he known it would be used in a "dirty tricks" campaign. The Adver-tising Standards Authority ruled that the poster was offensive to Mr Blair and asked the Conservatives to withdraw it.

A Tory party insider said yesterday: "In the process of chosing the people used in the



One of the posters, shown in The Mail on Sunday

them that it would be for a Tory party campaign. They way through. It was made a condition of the work that

they were and we would not give out their identities." One of the five posters shows a black and white photograph of a couple with haggard and downcast faces holding a baby. A red tear trickles down the woman's face to illustrate the tears that supposedly would be shed under a Blair government. The slogan, emblazoned in red, reads: "New Labour ... New Failure".

The posters, to be splashed across 3,000 sites throughout the country over the next three weeks, mark the start of the Tory party's final big advertising push before the general election campaign. It comes 12 months to the day after the "Labour's tax bombshell" campaign, is considered within the party to have been a

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said that the

poster of the young couple "bordered on the edge of neg-ative advertising". He added: "If the Tories want to debate whether that young couple would be better off after 18 years of Tory power, then we will be happy to debate issues. Eighteen years has left too many young couples in pover-

The man behind the latest Tory campaign is Steve Hilton, 27, who works for Lord Saatchi. Mr Hilton, who was educated at public school and Oxford, is a keen fan of the pop groups Pulp and Oasis and refuses to wear a tie, even on visits to Downing Street. Born in London, he spent

ty and insecurity, with no ssibility of change."

in Hungary, where his late father was a professional sportsman, having been goalkeeper for the national ice

He worked as a researcher for Conservative Central Office before the last general election and was recruited by Lord Szatchi shortly after-wards. In addition to working on commercial accounts such as British Airways, he has also has been involved in political campaigns in Russia. Ireland and Portugal.

☐ The brewer Guinness has withdrawn an advertisement which ran in the men's magazine FHM, showing a masked man in a leather jacket hang-

under a portrait of John Major and next to a bowl of \(\) oranges. The opposite page carried the slogan: "A little bit of what you fancy does you

The picture could be seen as a reference to the death of Stephen Milligan, Tory MP for Eastleigh, who was found dead in his west London flat in 1994 with an orange in his mouth and a plastic bag over his head.

A spokesman for the Guinness group said that an internal inquiry would be held. This particular advertisement causes offence and it is shown in the first place."

Major in

adoption

pledge to

childless

couples

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

CHILDLESS couples will find

it easier to adopt babies from abroad after John Major yes-

terday promised to lift the

obstacles imposed by "politi-

being adopted in this country,

according to Department of

Health figures, although

adoption agencies say inqui-

ries about giving a home to Chinese orphans have trebled

One of the major obstacles

is the need for prospective

adopters to convince social

The difficulties that are put

in the way of international adoption, that is silly," Mr

should that be so?"

cally correct" social workers. One hundred and fifty five foreign children a year are

Ashdown demands Labour support for electoral reform

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY ASHDOWN demanded yesterday that the Labour leader commit himself to arguing for electoral reform. Mr Blair's aides dismissed

the Liberal Democrat leader's challenge to him to back electoral reform as the key to agreement between the two parties on constitutional change. They said that Mr Ashdown terms" and that the Labour leadership would not go into the election "with our hands tied by the Liberal Democrats".

Mr Ashdown indicated that his party's support for Labour's programme of constitutional reforms depended on Mr Blair pledging that he would support electoral reform in the referendum on the issue that Labour has said it would hold. Mr Blair has opposed outright proportional repre-sentation, but has left open the possibility of committing himself to more modest reforms.

Talks between the two parties have brought them close to agreement on central areas of constitutional change, such as

devolution, reform of the House of Lords, a Freedom of Information Act and parliamentary procedure.

We can't have a package of constitutional change unless that includes electoral reform to which, if we are to get it through, all parties must be committed," Mr Ashdown told MV's Jonathan Dimbleby programme. "Constitutional reform has to be taken as a whole," he said. "This isn't a



Senior Liberal Democrats said last night that the talks would founder if Mr Blair refused to take a more positive stance on electoral reform.

However, Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, who has opposed electoral reform, took a more conciliatory line than that of Mr Blair's spokesman. Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World this Weekend, Mr Brown said: "What Tony Blair is going to say or recommend in that referendum [on electoral reform] is a matter that he has not commented on and it would be wrong to assume that he has

made his position known. Senior Liberal Democrats suggested that Mr Blair might commit himself to electoral change to avoid the confusion over proportional representa-tion that overshadowed the final days of Neil Kinnock's 1992 election campaign. The two parties cited the

talks on constitutional reform as an example of consensus



Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said Mr Major was "rattled and disconcerted" by the talks between Labour and the Liberal Democrats. "He is and sleaze growing." totally out of step with public opinion. People want more democratic government and stronger individual rights and

"Mr Major seems to want to run Britain as a one-party state with parliamentary ac-countability further declining

However, both Labour and Liberal Democrats emphasised that their talks on implementing constitutional reform John Major will lose by going had yet to reach final agree-

the Tories had ignored. John against these ideas," he said. ment. The eight negotiators will resume talks this week, with the aim of reaching

agreement by next month.

The two leaderships were adamant yesterday that they were not bypassing their own party memberships and said that any agreement would be put to the respective parties for

Liberal Democrat leaders want to bolster Labour in its commitment to end the right of hereditary peers to vote in the Lords, amid signs that Labour is preparing to delay the reforms until at least the second year of the Parliament.

workers that they are suitable. 🐧 Couples or individuals are obliged to approach their local council's social services department and ask for a "home study" to prove they are wor-thy of adopting a child from abroad. The council is entitled to refuse. They are likely to be

in the past year.

asked probing questions by social workers who want to William Rees-Mogg, know if they are sufficiently Peter Riddell, page 18 young, healthy and committed to their own relationship.

Poll-rocked Prime Minister may face Blair in public debate

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR showed again yesterday that he believes he is the Tories' strongest card if they are to claw back Labour's massive opinion-poll lead

His announcement that he will hold on-the-record. White Housestyle press conferences and will escape "Westminster's charm circle" to meet the public confirms that he has decided that a presidential campaign is his best chance. Mr Major even said that he had an open mind about a public debate with Tony Blair, although past prime ministers

have avoided such confrontations. Mr Major has begun election year at a furious pace. Today, as the latest anti-Labour posters are unveiled in London, he will be campaigning in the North. Tomorrow he will go to Conservative Central Office to give conferences. On Wednesday, he will set off for a whistle-stop trip to India.

next week as the recess ends. The Prime Minister's decision to go to the sub-continent was personal; some advisers would have preferred him to stay at home. He believes that, in spite of the risk of unwelcome stories breaking while he is away,

Pakistan and Bangladesh, returning

there is more to be gained from being seen on the world stage and doing business for Britain. He will be taking a contingent of leading

from Westminster and the media, but break. Policy advisers have made regular visits to his Huntingdon home for brainstorming sessions on the manifesto. The early fruits were available at the end of last week when the Prime Minister restated his vision of Conservativism in the foreword to a new book containing

Mr Major is expected to hold press

conferences about every three weeks from now to the election. His preferred polling date remains May I. He said that he wanted to "get directly through to the public without Mr Major has had a good rest having my views enshrined in someone else's words between me and the

> After a regional tour in September. Mr Major told aides that he was confident he could win the election. One said: "He is always impressed by the immense amount of goodwill shown towards him whenever he goes out into the country. He has the experience of the 1990 leadership election, the 1992 general election and the 1995 leadership election behind

not always look as if he would. He believes he is a winner and that is a huge asset."

Mr Major spoke yesterday of the risk of politicians being drawn into the charm circle of Westminster and being subjected to the instincts, hopes and lears of the public at large: "I intend to have a real debate with people in the country. That is where the election will be won and lost. Too often the public see their politicians only through the fish-eye of a television lens. It is not the same as face-to-face, and I do not think it is the same for the politician either.'



Major: election "will be won in the country"

Consider the NHS, Carey tells voters

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday urged churchgoers to consider the state of the health service when deciding who to vote for in the forthcoming general election. cians' views on strengthening the health service should be considered by voters in order to help to attain the kind of society "we desperately need". Interviewed for BBC Radio 2 yesterday morning, Dr Carey, said the Church should not tell congregations which way to vote. It would be

wrong for churches to say, for

the best foreign policy or the best defence policy.

What we can do is to help our congregations to meditate on the issues that lie behind these," he said. "For example, what kind of society do we want? What are the politicians' thoughts about strengthening the National Health Service? There are various aspects like that which go into the kind of society we desper-

ately need." Dr Carey's comments come days after five senior Church of England bishops were criticised for accusing the Government of failing to put morality at the heart of its policy and for presiding over the country's

Major said on BBC Television's Breakfast with Frost. "There's still far too much politically correct practice in adoption. I find it unbelievable that a couple who wish to adopt and provide a loving home for a child should face that it is very difficult to adopt a child of a different race. Why

> to remain institutionalised?" The Prime Minister also promised to reform the Children Act, which gives children extra rights, following the case of a 14-year-old girl who demanded to leave her parents' home after falling for an 18-year-old car thief. He said

Mr Major promised a prop-

er appeal system for couples

refused adoption for "daft",

reasons. It was nonsense to tell relatively young people they were too old to adopt. "Is it

better for an orphan to have the loving environment of a

couple who will care for him or her and cherish the child, or

there had been rather distressing cases of disputes between parents and children where social workers had intervened.

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example, that one party had Hume offers terms for Sinn Fein pact

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

JOHN HUME, leader of the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, yesterday set out his terms for an electoral pact with Sinn Fein telling republicans to declare a ceasefire and to end their boycott of Westminster.

In a strongly worded article in a Dublin newspaper, the MP said he wanted to increase the number of nationalist MPs to counter "the Unionist blackmail of the Government*. But he said that the SDLP would never enter a pact with a party committed to violence.

Mr Hume's article was the first time he has spelt out the arguments in favour of an electoral pact with Sinn Fein. which could almost double the number of nationalist MPs at Westminster. He had rarely discussed the issue before because the SDLP's three oth-

er MPs are opposed to a pact. The SDLP MPs are the only lrish nationalist voices at Westminster out of Northern Ireland's 17 MPs. Boundary changes mean that there will be 18 seats at the next election, seven of which could be won by nationalists if there were an SDLP/Sinn Fein pact.

Mr Hume wrote in the

Sunday Independent that he

would discuss an electoral pact with Sinn Fein "in circumstances of a complete end to violence". But he told the party to abandon its boycott of Westminster or else not bother to contest the election

What, exactly, is the motivation of those who insist on fighting for seats in a Parliament they do not recognise seats which they would refuse to take if they won them?" Mr Hume wrote. How does a policy of neutralising representation, rather than maximising it, fit into a strategy of seeking a negotiated settlement through the democratic political process?

If the SDLP and Sinn Fein were to form a pact they could unseat Ken Maginnis, of the Ulster Uionist Party, in Fermanagh and South Tyrone, and the Rev William McCrea, of the Democratic Unionists. in Mid Ulster, and also capture the new seat of West

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, refused to sit in the foreign Parliament" when he was MP for West Belfast between 1983 and 1992. Mr Adams said last night that he was disappointed by Mr

Gerry Adams in IRA film

Continued from page I while Michael Mates, the former Northern Ireland Security Minister, said the video confirmed the two men were pivotal IRA leaders. "It puts in black and white what we have known all along. There is no difference between Sinn Fein and the IRA. They are a

The £8.50 video, which re-cently went on sale at the Sinn Fein bookshop on the Falls Road in West Belfast, sends a blunt message that the republican movement's dual strate-

gy of the "Armalite and the ballot paper" is now firmly in favour

The section covering the collapse of the ceasefire is followed by a picture of a masked terrorist aiming a rocket-propelled grenade as the words "Will the Brits Ever Learn?" appear. The tape then ends with the words Tiocfaidh ar la , the IRA slogan which means "Our day will come".

The video, which is selling at the Sinn Fein



Masked man with AK47 rifle in the new IRA video

bookshop on the Falls Road which is used regularly by Mr Adams as a press conference enue, opens with scenes of heavy-handed police tactics in the late 1960s and early 1970s to set the scene for the Provisional IRA's campaign. It has no narrative and uses Irish music and rebel republican songs for background sound and shows the IRA in

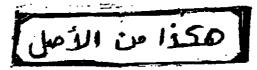
'Offensive" The IRA pushes home its hardline message by taking a swipe at Baroness Thatcher for her tough stance during the 1981 republican hunger

three phases from "Defence"

to "Resistance" and on to the

As four armed terrorists patrol a Belfast street the former Prime Minister's famous comment that the IRA had played "its last card" during the hunger strikes flashes up. There is a pause and then, as one of the terrorists aims a general-purpose machine gun, the words "Didn't she get it wrong"

appear on the screen. Richard McAuley, Sinn Fein's spokesman in Belfast, last night rejected claims that Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness were IRA leaders. He said: "Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness have rejected the suggestion time and time again that they are in the IRA or are leaders in the IRA."



Politician seen as a figure of fun at Westminster faces collapse of career after claims of gay affair

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Spectre of young 'assistant' returns to haunt Hayes

political career of the Tory MP Jerry Hayes was an accident waiting to happen. His decision to fiaunt the youthful Paul Stone — who made allegations of a homosexual affair in the News Of The World World - around the Westminister party circuit surprised even his most loyal friends.

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Few of those friends were surprised yesterday when the spectre of Mr Stone, who never quite littled the bill as a House of Commons researcher, returned to haunt the MP for Harlow.

Mr Stone alleges that he had a 16-month homosexual relationship with Mr Hayes, mostly during 1992, which, if true, would have constituted a serious offence, as Mr Stone was 18 at the time and the age of consent for homosexual couples was 21. He claims that Mr Hayes acquired a House of Commons security pass for him on the ground that his young partner was a research assistant, and he alleges that homosexual acts then took place within the Palace of

Mr Hayes, married with two children aged 11 and 9. has vehemently denied that

and has maintained that their relationship had been purely World claims that Mr Stone met Mr Hayes's wife, Alison, a hard working and supportive key to his constituency suc-cess, on several occasions and even acted as habysitter for their children.

The newspaper reproduces

6 I expect he's trying to make a joke of it. It's not

funny, but he never knew the difference 9

the texts of several passionate love letters, said to have been handwritten on Commons notepaper, from Mr Hayes to Mr Stone. They are said to have met at a gay rights fringe meeting during the 1991 Tory party conference in Blackpool. During their relationship, Mr Hayes made little secret of his



Paul Stone as he appeared in the News of the World

was the subject of open speculation at Westminster, Mr Stone's rapid departure, early equal speculation.

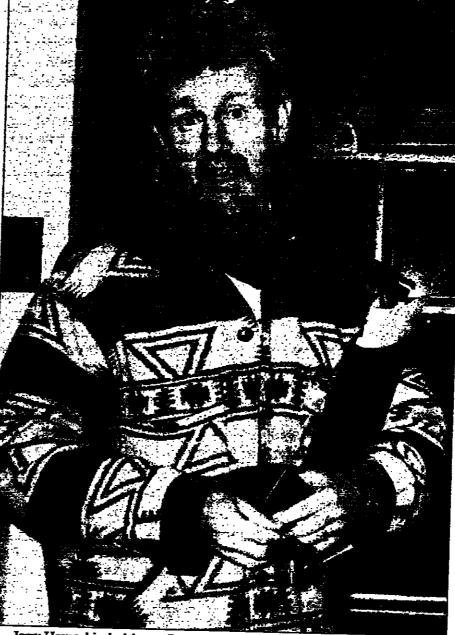
Mr Hayes, a left-of-centre Tory who despised Margaret Thatcher, seized the previousrock-solid Labour seat of Harlow, Essex, in 1983 and continues to cling to it with a majority of under 3,000. At estminster, however, he is widely regarded as a figure of fon, a predictable guest on late-night television shows, always in demand as the MP who would do anything for the

He has donned a bear's outlit, skydived as a chicken, performed a strip routine from Butlin's, and allowed himself to be whipped by the chil-dren's television presenter Michaela Strachan, all for the camera. He could not say no to the media. There is no point in being the finest constituen-cy MP in the world and working harder than anyone else if no one knows about it," he said in a recent interview.

in the past few years Mr Hayes has become increasingly associated with homosexual rights, an unpopular cause in the Conservative Party. He was a key figure in the campaign for an equal age of dressed a Tory campaign for homosexual equality. He has always been a noted

partygoer and was once a regular in the Strangers' Bar at the Commons. But after memorably making a hash of a speech at a Tory conference, when he forgot his lines, he pledged to change his lifestyle. He admitted that the fiasco was down to an excess of carousing the previous night. He embarked on a serious fitness regime at the Com-

Mr Hayes, 42, was brought up in Epping and attended the local Oratory School, of which he subsequently became a governor. He studied law at Chelmer Institute in Chelmsford, now part of An-



Jerry Hayes: his decision to flaunt his friendship surprised even his friends

glia Polytechnic University, and practised in Ipswich and London. He abandoned his legal career when he was lected to fight Harlow.

Despite his outward bonhomie, Mr Hayes has despaired privately at his failure to secure ministerial office. When John Major won the Tory leadership, Mr Hayes set his his heart on the Cabinet, believing he should be Health Secretary. Instead he had to content himself with the post of parliamentary private secretary to Robert Atkins, a junior Northern Ireland Minister. It was an uneasy relationship which neither man. enjoyed. When Mr Atkins disappeared from the Government, Mr Hayes went too. His failure to advance up the government ranks persuaded him to compensate by trying to forge a media career.

But he has never been in much demand for the serious programmes; his role has been predominantly that of lightweight, occasional wit. He has tried to deploy his media skills in the Commons chamber, one of the most unforgiving forums in which to make a speech. But his soundbites and long pregnant uses have rarely impressed his colleagues.

Mr Hayes has few real friends in the Commons, and even those yesterday ex-pressed little sympathy for his

plight. "I expect he's doing the usual - trying to make a joke of it. It's not funny, but he never knew the difference," one Tory MP said.

He has always been willing to deliver a ready quote on subjects of which he knows little. Earlier this year he disclosed that he owned an array of make-up products; eyebrows were his obsession. I tend to use a little brush to get them into shape," he said. In 1993 he led a campaign to keep crumpets in the House of

Commons canteens. "There will be an outcry unless MPs get their crumpets on a regu-lar basis," he declared. A typical, if unmemorable,



Jerry Hayes's family home in Essex

Local association members wait to hear from MP

SENIOR members of the Harlow Conservative Association closed ranks vestenday and refused to discuss whether they would demand the resignation of Jerry Hayes. But Conservative supporters in the constituency were less

forgiving.

David Roberts, the constituency chairman, who was contacted by Mr Hayes on Saturday night to warn him that the News of the World was about to publish details of the relationship, said the constituency was "standing by" their MP at this stage.

Mr Roberts said he and other constituency members were "gobsmacked" by the revelations. He went on: "Jerry has always been scrupulously careful in what he does and says. OK, he has done some rather weird television shows by some people's standards in the past that have caused comment but he generally takes great care in how he behaves. I am behind him until I know different."

Asked whether there would be calls for his resignation if it subsequently transpired that under-age homosexual sex had taken place as Mr Stone had claimed, Mr Roberts said: "I don't want to deal in speculation. When we have had a

chance to talk to Jerry then 1 will be able to have perhaps a different opinion. At his stage l am with Jerry." He added: "I have had no

irate phone calls from local party activists. I have spoken to one or two people who

had a chance to talk to Jerry before making any decisions. Mr Roberts said he did not Hayes was but said that he had been planning to take his children to Disneyland Paris over the Christmas period. The MP's family home is in Wendens Ambo, just outside

the constituency Mr Roberts said he did not know where Mr Hayes was or when he was due back. He said he would be talking to other members of the association. He said: "There is no talk of deselection."

Philip Weales, an association member and former treasurer, said: "I shocked to hear of the allegations but it is for the constituency to decide what should be done. I find this quite hard to helieve."

But Conservative supporters in the constituency were hostile. Graham Easton, 45, a "He should resign. He has been very foolish with this man. Whether they had sex or not. Mr Hayes still wrote him love letters which would lay

him open to blackmail."
Shirley Dodds, 60, a pensioner, said: "I feel sorry for his wife and children. Although he's quite a good MP, he appears to be a hypocrite. John Major's stand on family values will be an important part of the next election and Jerry would just let the side

Darren Scammell, 28, a panel beater, said: "He's an Major should kick him out."

Journalist murder suspect in jail siege

CHIEFIRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SIX inmates armed with a

syringe of blood and makeshift weapons were holding live prison officers hostage for a second night in the Irish Republic's largest jail. The six include Paul Ward, who is on remand accused of conspiracy to murder the journalist Veronica Guerin. One other hostage was freed

on Saturday night shortly after the inmates barricaded themselves into a recreation hall of Mountjoy prison, Dubin After negotiations, an effi-cial from the Department of fustice and the prison governor, John Lonergan, agreed to allow the prisoners to • publicise their grievances.

"In a statement, the Department of Justice said that Paul Ward "was protesting his innocence of the charges he is acing". The five others were ditions and alleged ill-treatment in the segregation unit.
The 19th-century prison has
long been plagued with probwas built for 450 immates but currently houses more than 1 700. They include some of the Republic's most notorious siminals although terrorists are not held there. The segregation unit is due to be tefurbished next month.

Cold claims four more lives as freeze continues

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE bitterly cold weather claimed four more lives yesterday as forecasters predicted that the freezing conditions would continue for another

In Warwickshire a man froze to death who had reportedly lain down on a frozen lake after an argument with his girlfriend. He was named as Colin Worrall, 23, of Yardley Green, Birmingham.

At Motcombe, Dorset, Christine Taube, 47, was found dead under bushes only 150 yards from her home. She had run after her dog, wearing only a light cardigan and trousers, after being dropped at her front door by a taxi on Saturday afternoon. An over-night search with tracker dogs, a helicopter and infraequipment failed to find her, but yesterday her body was discovered in a garden

close to her hame. An ambulance service spokesman said: "Mrs Taube had obviously collapsed. She was said to have had a bad back, which might have made it difficult for her to get up. In Sellindge, near Folkestone, Kent, a man aged 29 who has not yet been named, was found frozen to death in a

neighbour's garden after re-turning from a party in the

had become disoriented and collapsed as hypothermia set in. He had removed his shoes, jacket and jumper. Tony Page, 40, of Birstall, Leicestershire, was walking

with his two step-children aged nine and five, when their dog fell through ice on the River Soar near Leicester. Mr Page, trying to rescue it, fell through the ice too. The children raised the alarm and Mr Page was

pulled unconscious from the river after being trapped under the ice for about 30 minutes. He died later in hospital The dog escaped from the river unharmed. In Alton, Hampshire, two children were rescued by fire-men with ladders after becom-

ing trapped on an island in in a pond when a thaw weakened

The slightly higher tem-peratures led to floods in factories and offices left empty over the weekend. Kent Fire Brigade said: "A lot of people are having problems, mainly because water tanks have not been drained and pipes are thawing out too quickly." A spokesman for the London Weather Centre said

that the cold weather was now expected to continue for at least another week.

Boy of 16 shot dead dancing at party

A MAN was questioned by police yesterday after a ló-year-old schoolboy was shot dead on the packed dancefloor

of a rave party. A woman aged 18 was wounded in the incident and other dancers fled the floor in panic at the Chimes club in Clapton, east London. Police said that several weapons

were later found at the scene. The dead boy was believed to be a GCSE student from the Forest Gate area. He was among guests at a pay party for two young women who were celebrating their seven-teenth birthdays. The shootings took place at about 3am yesterday and police believe

two men were involved. One partygoer said: "The club was thumping. Everyone was raving. There was fight on the dancefloor. I saw a flash and then the boy went down. There was blood pour-ing out of his head and everything just went mad." The wounded 18-year-old

woman was taken to Homerton hospital, in Hackney, but was not seriously injured. Armed police scaled off the club as detectives began their investigation.

Scotland Yard said that a

man in his 20s was being questioned. He was released

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early hours of the morning. Police said it was thought he Drug alert over mint with no hole

SMALL, white, pill-shaped sweets made by Nestie Rowntree have been added to a ioxicology database for police and hospials because they are being mistaken for

The sweets are a marketing gimmick from the manufacturers of Polo, which calls them "the holes from the mints". They are individually marked with the letters P, L or O; mystifying teachers who have been confiscating them by the

They have now been included in a the transplied by the Toxicology Unit at St inquiries so we thought it was something would disappear from we needed to have identified in the stocks ran out, he said.

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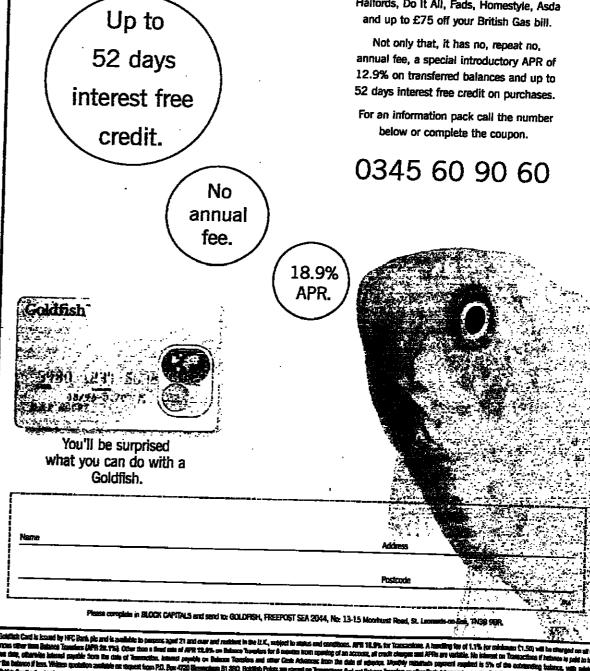
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They feature alongside thousands of drugs, medicines and poisons in pill or capsule form, pictured and identified. In the case of the Polo pills, the principal ingredient is nothing more toxic than

John Ramsay, the unit's head, said yesterday: "We became aware of the problem a few weeks ago when we were asked to identify one by the Poisons be mait. We feel the sweets should be Information Service in Birmingham. There must have been hundreds of

London, produced on CD-Rom for sale to database. It is not a waste of our time. We would far rather have people pick up something which they think might be poisonous than leave it where children could find it." Mr Ramsay said it was irresponsible of Nestle Rowntree to produce a sweet that could be so widely and easily mistaken for a drug.

A spokesman for the company said it was concerned that the product had caused alarm but added: "The sweet is thicker than most pills and has a glossy surface, unlike most pills, which tend to easily distinguishable." The sweets had been produced as a limited edition and would disappear from the shops as



Universities set up special loan deal to attract students

By David Charter, education correspondent

than at their degrees. Students

ing its own loan scheme for

of Essex, which led negotia-

tions with the Midland, said

up to 400 potential masters

students pulled out every year

from Essex alone. Professor

Crewe said: "The 12 universi-

time since then, the number of

vacancies is going up faster

than the rate of increase in

people looking for them. We

are actually winning for the first time in five years."

survey showed, however, that

more than a third of big

recruiters said they could not

find suitable graduates for

scientific, engineering, re-

search and development and

technical jobs, particularly

those in computing. The asso-

ciation, which represents em-

ployers as diverse as Marks &

Spencer, Midland Bank, the

Police Service and Unilever,

said that it was difficult to find

graduates in those areas with

the right blend of technical

association would like to see

university courses deliver the

means more teamwork and

project work and less straight-

Mr Cockman added that the

and communication skills.

The association's annual

Ivor Crewe, Vice-Chancellor

postgraduates.

Graduates will find

jobs hunt easier

By Our Education Correspondent

A GROUP of universities is preparing its own student loans scheme to tempt scholars away from rivals and to curb the rising drop-out rate. A dozen institutions in the upper reaches of the research league table have formed a consortium with Midland Bank to offer an exclusive loan package to graduate students.

The Times understands other deals are being negotiated with private lenders. Vicechancellors are also being urged to take over the Government's Student Loans Company when it is put out to tender this year to ensure that undergraduates get the best possible repayment terms.

The universities involved have 27,000 graduate students. They are Bath. Durham, East Anglia, Exeter. Essex, Reading, Surrey, Sussex, Warwick, York and the

COMPETITION for top grad-

uate jobs will be less fierce this

summer, because vacancies

are increasing at a faster rate

than student numbers for the

Students have had to battle

hard for plum jobs during the

1990s, but the Association of

Graduate Recruiters yester-

day forecast an 11.5 per cent

rise in vacancies. This sum-

mer's graduates who find a job will start on an average

salary of E15,325, the associ-

ation forecast. Starting pay

rose by 4.4 per cent in 1996,

compared with the rise in

average earnings of 3.7 per

cent, and is likely to increase

by a similar amount this year.

tive of the association, said:

The number of traditional

graduate jobs stayed the same

almost throughout the reces-

ion, but the number of eradu

ates coming out of the univer-

sity system has doubled over

the past five years. For the first

Roly Cockman, chief execu-

first time in five years.

tions Birkbeck College and the ties in the consortium are London School of Economics. advising in all of their student The move reflects widerecruitment publicity the exisspread concern about the fitence of the scheme. It will be nancial pressures on students up to them whether to apply for a loan. If they do, they will talk to the Midland Bank." that are leading them to work

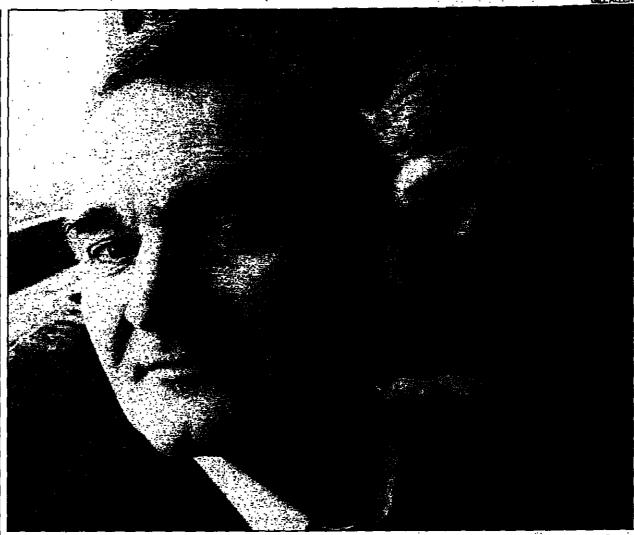
harder at their part-time jobs The scheme, planned for are widely expected to have to October, will allow postgradupay more towards their educaates seven years to repay loans of up to £10,000, or £5,000 for tion, although the Governone-year courses. No pay-ments would be due until six ment deferred a decision by setting up the Dearing inquiry into higher education, to remonths after completing the course and would be at 2 per port next summer. The 94 Group of universities, formed cent over base rate, or 1 per in 1994 to co-operate on mutucent for selected subjects, inal concerns, said it could not cluding medicine and law. wait that long before launch-

Vernon Vandelinde, Vice-Chancellor at Bath, said he could see the scheme being extended to undergraduates. There was an obvious gap in the market for postgraduate students we thought we might be able to have some impact on. If an undergraduate came to us we would probably call up the local Midland Bank and say, 'We have this other student, could you extend the same deal to them."

Students criticised the universities for acting in advance of the Dearing report and forecast that they would form a "super league". Ewan Jenkins, president of Durham Students' Union, said: "The fact that these loans are only available to students in a very small number of institutions takes us away from a mass participation system. They disregard the fact that abiblity to learn, not to pay, must be the predominant entrance fac-

tor for any course." The call for universities to take over the Student Loans Company comes from academics at the LSE, the only institution so far to prepare course fees for 1998 entrants. Iain Crawford and Nicholas Barr, at the LSE's Centre for Education Research, estimate a takeover would cost each university £20,000, if the Government successfully sold off the company's existing £2 billion of debt.

Mr Crawford said: "Universities are the ideal bodies for because they would always be motivated to act in the inter-



David Jennings yesterday with his wife, Samantha. He says that his comments on Dunblane were misconstrued

Children need not fear me, says man accused of Dunblane threat

By Stephen Farrell

THE former soldier who allegedly threatened to "do a Dunblane" has decided not to challenge a High Court injunction that bans him from schools and council buildings. But, within hours of his release from jail, David Jennings renewed his long-running protest against Greenwich council in southeast London. In a three-hour interview ending at

3.36am on the night he was freed, Jennings set out a litany of complaints about the care of four of his ten children. His comments raised fears among former neighbours that he would revive

other grudges.

At a hearing in London today, at which the council will seek to make the injunction permanent, he hopes to read a statement to the judge saying that he never threatened to attack children. He will also offer an undertaking not to approach schools or council buildings.

The London Borough of Greenwich has gone completely off the rails, printing photographs of myself and sending them to every parent in Greenwich as if I was Jesse James," he said, "The matter has been blown out of all proportion."

6 There was no way that I was ever going to go to any schools 9

Driven by a belief that the authorities failed to protect his children, Jennings, 51, makes lengthy accusations of conspiracy against headmasters, foster parents, social workers, prison officers, magis-

trates and judges.
His solicitor has admitted that the Dunblane threat was made to a prison chaplain, but Jennings said that his words had been misconstrued. There was no way that I was ever going to go to any schools, and that has been the case all the way along."

Jennings, who has a conviction for possessing a firearm in public, left Swaleside prison, Kent, on Friday. He has been staying at the home of his second wife, Samantha, 29, in Abbey Wood, southeast London.

He was jailed for affray in November 1995 after throwing rubble through the window of Peter Bailey, 34, his neigh-

bour in nearby Eltham. He claimed that Mr Bailey had harassed his wife. Mr Bailey, recalled last night having to dodge flying slabs, rocks and glass as he tried to protect his children and to call the police while Jennings broke every window at the rear of his house. "He is the sort of bloke who, if he gets pressurised, will do something violent," he said.

Other residents remembered Jennings as a "nightmare" council tenant. Mothers have since signed a petition demanding strong legal action and increased security

Jennings served as a private in the Middlesex Regiment from 1965 to 1968, but he denied reports that he had fired at his commanding officer in Guyana, saying the reverse was true. After leaving the Army he worked for two years as a motorcycle assembler for Norton, but was made redundant and has worked only occasionally since

A spokeswoman for Greenwich Coun-eil said last night. "We would deny categorically any conspiracy against Mr Jennings. We shall be putting before the judge evidence which convinces us that we should be seeking this permanent injunction."

Le Shuttle resumes services for coach travellers

By A STAFF REPORTER

COACH traffic will be allowed back on Le Shuttle trains from today. Travellers will, however, have to reserve places in advance on the limited number of services running between Folkestone and Calais since the blaze on a freight

shuttle in November. A spokeswoman for Eurotunnel said: "The car shuttles comprise single and double-deck warons, with the singledeckers designed to carry coaches and other highsided vehicles.

"We will resume carrying these vehicles on the car shuttles, which are currently running at a rate of two an hour in each direction, though they will have to reserve in

The announcement means that only heavy goods vehi-cles, which are carried on separate trains, have not yet resumed services. It is not known when lorry traffic will be able to restart.

A section of the northbound numel was badly damaged and 34 people were injured after a lorry on one of the freight wagons caught fire. An investigation into the cause of the original blaze is still being conducted by the Channel

Tunnel Safety Authority.

Fire brigade unions and MPs criticised a decision by the authority to allow freight trains to resume services just three days after the blaze, and Eurostar and car shuttles weeks later.

Part of the tunnel is still closed and trains have adopted a "cross-over" procedure, using the central service tunnel, to avoid the damaged

section. The tunnel has been dogged by problems since the fire, including a minor blaze as engineers tried to move the damaged train days after the

Two weeks ago, a stationary Le Shuttle train intended for use as an evacuation vehicle caught-fire at the Folkestone terminal because of a wiring fault, Last week two Eurostar trains were stranded in the tunnel after electrical faults

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attack nurse returns THE nursery nurse who fought off a machete attacker

Machete

at an infants' school in Wolverhampton returns to work Lisa Potts, 21, has visited the

pupils at St Luke's Church of England school in Blakenhall since the attack last July but has not been well enough to resume teaching. She was praised by a judge for trying to protect the children as Horrett Campbell, a paranoid schizophrenic, lashed out at pupils, parents and staff with a 2ft machete. Last month Campbell was found guilty of seven charges of attempted murder. He is due to be sentenced next

Ms Potts suffered gashes to her arms and cuts to her back as she tried to shepherd the children inside the building. The three children injured in the attack returned to school in the autumn.

St Luke's reopened a week after the attack. Fences were set up around the school and

By Stephen Farrell and Roger Maynard THE two British nurses charged with murder in Saudi Arabia have withdrawn their confessions and an admission that one had an affair with the

victim. Yvonne Gilford, their

lawyers said yesterday.

After their first meeting with Saudi legal representa-tives since their arrest. Deborah Parry, 41, and Lucille McLauchlan, 31, retracted the written statements sworn before three Saudi judges on December 23. The lawyers claimed yesterday that the admissions had been made only after police promised that they would be deported and would not face prosecution for the murder of Ms Gilford, 55, an Australian nurse at the King Fahd Military Medical

The women, both wearing

Complex in Dhahran.

the traditional Muslim chadar, met three Saudi lawyers, a British legal representative and a consul for an hour set up around the school and in separate meetings at Dam-security alarms issued to staff. mam central prison on Satur-

day. They are concerned that their case will be tarnished by reports in Saudi newspapers. that they were arrested after being seen on video film at a shopping centre using Miss

Nurses' lawyers seek talks

over withdrawn confessions

Gilford's charge cards. The written statements lof confessions] included an admission of a lesbian relationship between Deborah Parry and Yvonne Gilford. Deborah Party vehemently denied to us that such a relationship had existed," said a statement from the law firm of Salah al-Hejailan, issued at the wornen's request.

also included an admission that the two nurses had taken. Yvonne Gilford's bank card after the murder and had used this to withdraw cash on several occasions over the following days: Both nurses strongly denied this to us: The suspects said that they

The written statements

had made these statements to the police because they were promised that, if they did so,

they would be allowed to see the British Consul, would be sent home in two to three weeks and would not be subject to prosecution in Saudi Arabia.

The firm emphasised that both nurses had only recently arrived in Saudi Arabia, did not know Miss Gilford well, and had been "very confused and apprehensive" after their arrest. The lawyers would be discussing the retraction with the authorities as soon as

Ms McLauchlan's brother, John, insisted yesterday that the family had confidence in the country's Sharia courts. "We are very grateful to the Saudi Arabian authorities for providing my sister with the best possible legal representation. We have faith in the Saudi justice system and we feel sure that Lucy will be found innocent of any crimes." he said. He also extended the family's sympathies to Miss

Princess's visit suggests royal thaw

BY ALAN HAMILTON

DIANA, Princess of Wales, is to visit Angola next week on behalf of the Red Cross, despite severing her connec-tions with the charity at the time of last summer's divorce During her five-day visit, which has the approval of the Queen and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Princess will see a British operation to clear millions of landmines planted during the country's 20-year civil war. She will stay as a guest of the British Ambassador in the Angolan capital, Luanda.

The Princess stepped down from the British Red Cross after acting as patron during their 125th anniversary celebrations. Her decision to restore the link is understood to have been the result of a personal appeal from the film-maker Lord Attenborough. Approval from the Queen for the semi-official working visit is an indication that Buckingham Palace is keen to restore good relations



The Prince of Wales with Prince Harry yesterday

with the Princess now that her divorce is out of the way. Planned visits to other trouble spots, including Bosnia and Afghanistan, are likely to receive the Queen's approval. Conscious of the damage

done to the monarchy's reput-

ation by the Waleses' divorce.

the Palace is keen to mend

fences. An opinion poll com-

missioned by Carlton TV for a live debate tomorrow shows that 48 per cent of Britons believe the Crown will be replaced by a republic within 50 years. The MORI survey found that 37 per cent thought the Royal Family were hard working, half thought they were important for Britain, and 22 per cent regard them

irresponsible, and the number who believe the Royal Family had high moral standards is 8 per cent. At Klosters, the Prince of Wales's skiing holiday with

Prince Harry was marred by stabs of back pain, the result of injuries from the Prince's "action man" youth and his career as a polo player. As father and son hurtled down a snow-covered hillside on a two-man toboggan, the 12year-old squealed with delight while his father grimaced when the sledge bumped over a ridge of snow.

The ride was a prelude to another full day's skiing. As the toboggan came to a halt m front of reporters and cameramen, the Prince of Wales patted his son on both shoulders. But Prince Harry, annious to be off again, tugged at the sledge's reins and they proceeded at speed downhill; leaving only the Prince of Wales's shout of "An revoir" hanging in the mountain air.

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> hundreds of J.M.W. Turner's evocative watercolours have been precisely identified for the first time since the paint dried in the 19th-century mas-

clifftops and craggy beaches throughout Britain, a scholar has found the precise views and has retitled images in the Tate Gallery that had been catalogued since 1909 with anonymous titles such as Town on River or Castle on a Hill; in Sunlight.

Over two years Eric Shanes-managed to pinpoint sites from Dartmonth to Tannworth where Turner had sketched feverishly in pencil prior to creating colour sketches in the studio. Mr Shanes, a leading Turner specialist and author of numerous books, was commissioned by the Tate, which will exhibit those works from February 25. Few have been exhibited or reproduced

He retraced Turner's footsteps, carrying colour photoaphs of the paintings which he showed to local people in

landscapes in their place THE English landscapes in case they recognised the place and towns as far afield as where they were painted. Guidebooks of the day also Durham and Somerset, which had been visited by an artist

provided clues for landscapes such as the Mill Pool in Dartmouth, which Turner would no longer recognise Walking across rocky today. The area, which was under water in Turner's day. is now the main road into Dartmouth.

Mr Shanes managed to link even the haziest and most abstract sketches to castles

with an insatiable passion for travel. What looked initially like a blob or a smudge carried vital topographical clues - Turner's "almost abstract shorthand for reality", Mr Shanes said. Part of the problem was that Turner used artistic licence, heightening the drama of a composition by improving on



Art detective puts Turner

Dunstanburgh Castle is it appears today

Shanes said, could be three times higher in Turner's work

than in reality.
In a sketch of Longships lighthouse on Land's End. Turner reversed the imagery in an early version, moving the lighthouse to the right of the mainland, but in a later painting he returned it to the left of the mainland.

The research focused on 386 watercolours in the Tate's Turner Bequest, which boasts 19,500 of Turner's works on namer. The 386 works had been linked under the allpurpose category of "colour beginnings" because Alexander Finberg, the man who catalogued them between 1904 and 1909, assumed they were no more than the most sumptuous experiments with

Mr Shanes identified Dunstanburgh Castle, a romantic 14th-century ruin in Northum-berland that Turner visited in 1797, in a watercolour titled by Finberg as On the Coast Sun Setting Over the Land.

"How did he know the sun was even setting? Without the



moon, there is no way of telling that it wasn't rising."

Mr Shanes said. One image. Mr Shanes discovered, emerged as a rocky landscape of Rokeby, in Co Durham, which had been catalogued incorrectly. Whereas Finberg dated the group to between 1820 and 1830, Mr Shanes discovered that the range was far wider -1808 to the 1840s. Through

bold washes of colour and flurries of brushstrokes, hinting at final compositions, he found distant views, for example, of St Michael's Mount in Cornwall and, in another, of Dartmouth Castle, which emerged through pigments diffused by having been applied to wet paper - a technique favoured by Turner.

The crenellations on one delicate depiction of a castle

eventually led Mr Shanes to the 16th-century Walmer Castle near Deal, Kent, He found the exact spot, some 400 yards along the beach where Turner had stood. Mr Shanes noted how a crease down the centre of the paper suggested that Turner carried it around in his nated shells used like manure

In another picture, which was thought to represent The Needles on the Isle of Wight,

Shanes instead to the sandstone cliffs along the north coast of the West Country. From there, he worked out that the sketchy figures in the foreground were "sand-landine" - collecting lime-impres-

to improve soil: sand-langing

was a noted industry in the

Devon and Cornwall

Turner's day.

Branson ready for balloon lift-off

BY ANDREW PURCE

RICHARD BRANSON will begin final preparations in Morocco today for his attempt to circumnavigate the globe in a balloon the size of the

Mr Branson and the crew of the Virgin Challenger arrived in Marrakesh early yesterday on a flight from London. They set off after the adverse weather conditions which have dogged previous attempts tolaunch the 15,750-mile voyage cleared at the weekend.

The launch will take place from an air force base on the outskirts of Marrakesh and is-scheduled within 48 hours. Mr Branson and his co-pilots, Per Lindstrand and Rory McCarthy, spent the weekend undergoing fitness checks in preparation for the 18-day

close friends and business partners, will secure a piace m the Guinness Book of Records: if they successfully traverse 70 countries at an average altitude of 30,000ft. Steve Fossett. an American balloomst is hoping to take off from Switzerland about the same time in an attempt to beat the British

The 12'2-tonne Virgin Challenger will cross Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India and head southeast from the Himalayas across Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and the Pacific before crossing the United States to Britain. The crew plans to land in Oxfordshire, a few. miles from Mr Branson's country home.

TA soldiers to train in jungle warfare

By A STAFF REPORTER

BRITAIN'S "weekend warriors" are to learn the techniques of jungle fighting in an unexpected development by the Territorial Army.

More than a hundred parttime soldiers will fly to Belize, in Central America, this month as the Army strives to make greater use of its reserve

Jungle warfare was always considered too arduous and highly specialised for the TA. But successive cuts in manpower and bases compled with an increase in its operational duties have forced the Army to integrate the reserves much more into the regular forces.
Altout 1,600 TA troops are correctly serving in Bosnia in a number of key roles alongside colleagues from the regu-lar Army. Since the closure of

m Belize, where battalions would be deployed for sixmouth tours, no infantry units remain fully trained in jungle

warfare.
The recognised experts in jungle fighting techniques are the Royal Marines and the SAS. Now troops from the Para-TA's 10th Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, will become a centre of expertise in how to survive and fight for weeks at a time in the jungle.
The TA soldiers have al-

ready undergone familiarisation training in Britain with live snakes, spiders and vegetation. Army sources said that more TA units could follow if Exercise Native Trail proved

Where is everybody?

Nicola killer may have struck before

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

NICOLA DIXON'S killer may have attacked another girl a week earlier, police said yes-terday. Detectives said they had reinterviewed a lo-year. old girl who was dragged off the street and robbed on Christmas Day two miles from the murder scene.

Nicola's body was found in a garden on New Year's Day by the wife of the rector of Holy Trinity Church; Sutton Coldfield. The 17-year-old had been robbed, sexually assaulted and battered to death on the way from a social club to a way from a social club to a

West Midlands Police have already said her killer could belocal and are looking at the earlier attack for possible chies. The 16-year-old was Walking alone in another part

of Sutton Coldfield at 5pm. Her attacker dragged her off the street towards a row of old peoples' bungalows and put his hand over her mouth. He a knife in his pocket and ran his index

finger across her throat. He stole her purse and £25. Whereas Nicola put up a fierce fight she put up no struggle and was left unburt. Her attacker is described as white and in his late 20s; he was smooth shaven and wore a bine cap, dark bomber jacket

Detective Chief Inspector hold them in Kelvin Roberts, who is leading always will."



Nicola Dixon: prayers

the murder hunt, said the 16year-old had been questioned again. "We cannot rule out a possible link between these two incidents. We are keeping an open mind," he said.

At the same time, the murder team is in contact with officers running Operation Enigma, which is based at the Police National College at Bramshill, Hampshire. All murder cases involving women are sent to the national computerised operation.

Prayers were said yesterday for the dead girl at Holy Trinity Church by a visiting preacher. Paul Duckers, the churchwarden, said: "It was a sombre day. Although the family do not live within the parish there is immense concern among the congregation. about what happened. We hold them in our hearts and



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Police look to private firms for sponsorship cash



Mohamed Al Fayed in

By Stewart Tendler CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE forces aim to raise up to £70 million a year from sponsorship deals to fund patrol cars, police stations and crime-fighting

The logos of some of the biggest companies are already appearing on the sides of police cars and may soon be seen on uniforms. Crime prevention campaigns against drug abuse, computer theft and poaching have received commercial cash. Sponsorship projects under way include an £8,000 mobile police

station for the West End area of

annual budgets from sponsorship. One senior police official said: "It's been forbidden territory until recently. Now everything is up for grabs." Normally forces rule out

any endorsement of a company and

patrol in a Peugeot 306 provided by

The deals stem from new Home

Office regulations that allow forces

to raise up to I per cent of their

the road-builder Balfour-Beatty.

require each deal to be carefully investigated and decisions on logos to be taken at senior level. North Yorkshire, Cleveland, Gloucestershire, Cambridgeshire

Newcastle upon Tyne, provided by a and West Yorkshire have formed local brewery. In Yorkshire, police marketing teams, Humberside is appointing a marketing officer and the West Midlands force may do the same. The City of London has begun formulating a policy.

The Metropolitan Police is recruiting a sponsorship expert to raise more than £16 million a year. He or she will come from academic or charity fundraising and work with senior officers on the guidelines.

Companies interested in sponsorship will be carefully vetted and the use of logos and wording on police equipment examined to make sure they are not inappropriate. One

senior Yard source said: "We are not going to get into bed with someone who is trying to wash themselves clean. It has got to be someone with a reputation that does not tarnish us. Both sides have got to get

something out of it." He said the Yard had merely tinkered with such deals so far. Sponsorship for cars was worth only £5,000 to £10,000 and the bigger projects had been worth less than El00,000 each. The new policy and appointment plan mark an attempt to co-ordinate the effort and tap a much bigger market.

The Yard already has a car sponsored by Harrods, which is used by

special constables in west London. McDonald's recently provided £50,000 for an anti-drug video and Esso gave money for a wildlife crime project. The Crimestoppers scheme is also backed by businesses, and many companies have contributed to a El million reward

fund for combating terrorism.

In Surrey a fleet of cars for a national police course in high-speed chases have been donated by Vauxhall and carries logos. The car radios come from a communications company. In Saltaire, west Yorkshire, a group of businesses has funded a village police "shop". complete with blue lamp, by paying

the £3,000 rent on a house for a year. Land Rover has provided Thames Valley with one vehicle for a rural crime prevention patrol.

But the course of partnership is not always smooth. A van sponsored by the drinks outlet Threshers for Avon and Somerset police had to have the logo reduced in size because of objections. The Police Federation, representing junior ranks, argues that sponsorship is no substitute for proper police funding. Fred Broughton, chairman of the federation, said he feared a conflict of interests which could leave the public believing some companies received preferential treatment.

Scientists

find heart

defect gene

Scientists have identified the

gene behind an inherited con-dition which can lead to babies

being born with a hole in the

heart. Holt-Oram syndrome

affects the development of the

A team led by Professor David Brook, at Nottingham University, tracked down the gene responsible, HOS-L A

paper on the research, which

was backed by the British Heart Foundation, appears in

this month's Nature Genetics.

heart and forearm.

Urban rich 'are main drug-users'

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

PROSPEROUS professionals living in smart inner-city and urban areas are the biggest users of illegal drugs, according to government studies of drug misuse. But these affluent residents are the least worried by criminal activity

Home Office studies of "rising", "striving" and "settling" neighbourhoods found drug misuse was so widespread that it included churchgoers.

The highest level of drugtaking in the 10 to 50 age group was found in households with an income of more than £30,000 a year in neighbourhoods categorised as "rising". Other characteristics of these residents was that they tended to be health-conscious, took holidays off the beaten track and frequently are out.

Malcolm Ramsay, one of the report's authors, said: The use of prohibited drugs is seen by people who have everything else going in their lives as something they can handle to some degree: something they can dip in and dip

In the rising neighbourhoods, 59 per cent of people between 16 and 29 admitted using drugs at some time and 24 per cent had used

them in the previous month. compared with 42 per cent and 14 per cent respectively in the less well-off council estates that were defined as striving areas. In the settling districts, made up of privately owned homes and largely skilled workers, the figures were 38

per cent and II per cent.

Among the 30 to 59 age group in rising districts, 44 per cent said they had taken drugs in their lifetime and 5 per cent in the past month, compared with 22 and 3 per cent in striving areas and 21 and I per cent in settling districts The report, called Drug

Misuse Declared, says of the rising group: These are people who are young, possibly single, generally without children. Even the older people in such neighbourhoods are substantially more likely to take drugs than those living elsewhere." The study was based on findings from 9.646 people in 1994.

A separate study of attitudes to drug-related crime found that residents of council estates were most concerned and those in the rising group were least anxious. The report adds that most young people have not taken prohibited drugs.

Strokes made worse by suicide cells

By NIGEL HAWKES AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

that much of the damage caused by paralysis after strokes and spinal cord injuries comes from cells "committing suicide" when toxins are released by the brain.

The research could lead to drugs blocking the effect of the toxins and preventing paralysis. Scientists already knew that only part of the damage experienced by stroke victims was caused by the stroke itself.

Researchers at Manchester University, funded by the

charity Research into Ageing, have now identified a chemical, interleukin-1 or [L-1, in cell suicide. Professor Nancy Rothwell said: "Blocking the action of IL-I dramatically reduces stroke damage, inhib its brain swelling and inflammation." A quarter of stroke victims die and half of survi-

vors are disabled. Separate research in America has found that much of the damage from spinal cord injuries is not done at the time, but in the succeeding three weeks. when a wave of "suicides" runs through the nerve cells.



Judy Clementson: says the mandate from the 1975 referendum has run out

Goldsmith party candidates put youth to the fore

BY RUTH WINSTONE

as a barmy army, old flag-waving little Englanders, Sir James Goldsmith's rabble. They are the 530 candidates selected so far to stand for the Referendum Party.

A few star names have been announced, but what of the rest? According to a survey by The Times of 300 chosen by the beginning of December, their average age is about 46
— slightly older than the
Conservative average of 41 and Labour's 45, but younger than media stereotypes of retired colonels. A substantial number were too young to vote in the 1975 referendum. in which the youngest elector. would now be 39.

That is their opening argument. One of those too young in 1975 was John Mackfall. Now 36 and a traffic warden, he is challenging a Conserva-tive majority of 18,000 in Ryedale. Yorkshire. He is director of the local Harley Davidson motorcycle club. chairman of his union branch, has no strong political affiliations and believes in progressive social policies. He does not have much time for politicians but says: Someone has to offer the

electorate a choice". Among the youngest candi-dates is Craig Robinson, a 25-year-old telecommunications consultant fighting Basildon, where the Tory majority is 1.400. He sees advantages in co-operation with other EU countries - on fishing, pollution and peace — and wants state, but says that Maastricht

is a treaty too far. Judy Clementson, grandmother and rollerblading fan, is fighting Virginia Bottomley's Surrey seat. She said: "I voted in favour in 1975, but that mandate has run out. Electors lend powers to their MPs for five years. These cannot be given away indefinitely."

Christopher McGovern, 46, a primary teacher who lost his job as a secondary school

the prostate, a common dis-

THEY have been denounced history teacher after criticisas a barmy army, old flaging GCSE standards, has been advising the Government on its history curriculum. He is the candidate fighting for Hastings and Rye. He argues that federal models cannot survive against national interests and identity.

The party claims growing support suggesting last week that it had recruited its 100,000th supporter. Its central tenet is that there has been a failure of democratic representation in politics.

The candidates have nothing like the support or infrastructure of the other parties. Chosen by a central panel, their local organisation has to be built from scratch. The party has no formal member-ship or subscription system, and candidates put up their own deposits. The most recent candidate

is Ruth Gurney, 41, a lay assessor with Birmingham Social Services and a widow with six children, who will to fight Clare Short's seat in Ladywood. In the past. Mrs Gurney dabbled with the Young Socialists and converted to the Conservative Party under Margaret Thatcher She was moved to become a Referendum Party candidate by a Panorama profile of Sir.

Craig Robinson, 25: one of youngest candidates

Weekend in jail Peter Curzon, 45, heir to Viscount Scarsdale, will appear in the High Court today after spending the weekend in jail for failing to pay a £575,000 divorce settlement agreed last June. He was arrested after he

flew to Britain from Florida. 999 death crash

A teenager was killed when he was hit by a police car answering an emergency call. Ian McClure, 18, of Irvine, North Ayrshire, died at the scene of the accident in the town centre. A report is to be prepared for the Procurator Fiscal.

Private lines

Three more rail lines have started running privatised services. First, Bus, GB Railways and Prism, Rail are operating for of Fondon to East Anglia. The Wingin Group and the CrossCountry

Lasagne recall

Asda has recalled packs of frozen lasagne which may have been filled in error with a vegetable bake containing cashew nuts. The recall affects 400g packs with a best-before date of November 1997 and the code ERK 63161.

Garden quarry

A man sweeping his patio was sucked into a 100ft hole that opened up beneath him. Stephen Owen. 28, managed to scramble clear after becoming wedged in the top of what was thought to be an old quarry shaft at his home in Sheffield

Happy returns

Villagers in Gotherington, Gloucestershire, who donated £10,000 30 years ago towards a church that was never built. are being asked if they want their money back. The money has grown to £65,000 in a church bank account

Nod and a wink

Christine Wiggins, 24, has become the first woman council member of the English Tiddlywinks Association since its formation in 1955. Ms Wiggins, ranked thirtieth in the world, was chosen as chair-STUTTAFORD | man in a secret ballot.

Hormone replacement can rejuvenate men as well as women Caution is needed. Cancer of

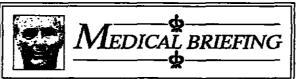
served the Chinese Imperial family, who died last week aged 94, and an actor who is as appealing to my 50-year-old female nationts as he is to their 25-year-old daughters, are linked by the influence a lack of testosterone has had on

Nobody would doubt that poor Sun Yao-ting, whose testes were removed by his father wielding a cut-throat razor when he was eight, had been short of testosterone all his life. It is, however, hard to

pentium'

believe that nature, and the ageing process, have similarly deprived Charles Dance of an adequate supply of the same hormone. But he claims - and his doctors agree - that the male menopause has done just that. Testosterone supplies the virility to the physical and psychological make-up of a man; sharpens the competitive edge to his professional endeavours: adds spice to his social life: and is the basis of

Malcolm Carruthers, a consultant chemical pathologist,



has made a speciality of the study of male hormonal problems. He has contrasted the tall, thin, eunuchoid build, like that of Sun Yao-ting when he was vounger, with that of Napoleon Bohaparte, who was highly sexed in his youth. As a young man Napoleon

was stocky, robust, hirsute evidence -- well endowed sexually. In middle age, however, he appeared to have suffered the male menopause, genital atrophy and, presumably.

impotence. Dr Carruthers has for many years advocated that men, as well as women, need hormone replacement in middle age and that, given this, they would keep their physical and mental powers more youthful and preserve their sex lives.

Testosterone is now avail-able as an injection, in tablets (which are not always effective), or as a slow-release skin patch. The skin patch, worn like a sticking plaster applied to a hairless part of the body, provides a regular supply of testosterone which compensates for the failing testes.

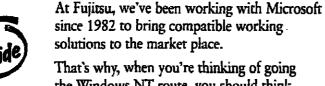
ease in older men, is hormonedependant, and falling testosterone levels in the elderly may protect men from its ravages. Before embarking on rejuvenation, it is essential that the state of this potentially lethal gland, the prostate, should be assessed.

Those who should not take testosterone can resort to another piece of Dr Carruthers's advice and adopt an aphrodisiac menu. Champagne, followed by a starter

which should include goat's cheese, a main course of steak with buttered new potatoes and salad, and finally a chocolate pudding topped with wal-nuts, will apparently do wonders for both the male and female libido. Dr Carruthers assures us that this is the ideal meal and, as a chemical pathologist, he should understand the science which accounts for his judgment.

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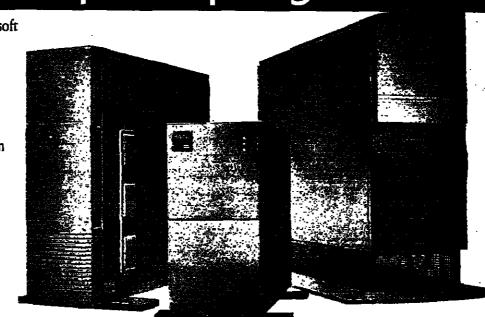
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Secret summit fails to agree deal on Hebron pull-out

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

in a "Catch 22 situation". If he

makes no further concessions

on the dates, he might not

have a deal, but if he makes

concessions, he will fail to

secure a majority in his 18-

Ahmed Tibi, Mr Arafat's

senior adviser, told Israeli

Army radio: "There will not be

an agreement unless there is a

commitment on the three

phases." But Saeb Erekat, a

leading member of the Pales-tinian negotiating team, said other issues also had to be

In a move to defuse the

resent tensions. Jewish ser-

thers agreed yesterday to re-

from a disputed West Bank

hill. The move came after the

Israeli Defence Ministry made the evacuation a condi-

tion for discussing demands to

expand the settlement in mem-ory of two Jewish settlers

murdered near there by Pales-

member Cabinet

A SECRET pre-dawn meeting between Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestinian Authority, yes-terday failed to break the deadlock over an Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank city of Hebron.

The covert attempt to defuse the crisis over the delayed pull-out from 80 per cent of the city reflected increasing pressure from Washington for a deal. The four hours of talks took place at the Erez crossing point between Israel and the

Gaza Strip.
First news of the meeting came from Israel Radio five hours after it ended. But expectations were swiftly dashed when both sides acknowledged that an agree-ment had still not yet been

Mr Netanyahu expressed regret later that the secrecy of the meeting had been broken because he believed that keeping details from the media could have served to boost confidence.

Although, in an effort to maintain the momentum of negotiations, both sides later spoke of "progress", Palestin-ian officials said the refusal of Israel to provide a detailed, agreed timetable for the next three Israeli withdrawals after Hebron remained the main

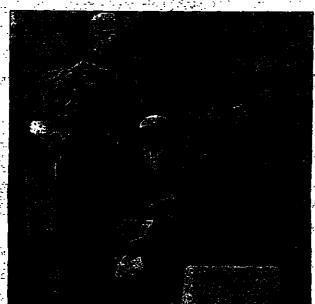
Nabil Shaath, a leading member of the Palestinian Authority and one of the first officials to speak openly about the secret talks, said: "I think that some positive things were achieved, but we still have a major problem with the schedule of withdrawal after

Hebron."
Israeli sources have angrily accused Mr. Arafat of deliberaccused Mr. Arafat of deliber-acely delaying a deal by mak-ing the timetable for further pullbacks an essential condi-tion of his signature to the withdrawal from Hebron, where tensions have reached dangerous levels. But the Palestinians counter that such a timetable is vital because of the delays surrounding Israel's handover of Hebron, originally scheduled for last March but delayed by a series of suicide bombings.

According to the interim the withdrawal from most of Hebron, where 450 Jewish setters live surrounded by 120,000 Arabs, should be followed by three further troop redeployments. The first of these, from mainly rural ar-eas, should have begun last

One Israeli source said last night that Israel was willing to commit itself to a date for the first withdrawal, expected to be from Halhoul, near He-bron, six weeks after that from Hebrun, But Mr Netanyahu has opposed providing dates for the second and third

A leading member of his Likud Party said he was now



A young Jew sits outside the Beit Hadassa settlement in

Tense city lives on a knife-edge as enmity deepens

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

between Binyamin Netan-yahu and Yassir Arafat leaked

no injuries, but it was the latest in a series of incidents heightening tension in the city which, under the Oslo-brokered peace accord, is to revert to Palestinian self rule. "Anything could happen at

any moment." Daniel Gundersman, a Norwegian peace observer, said. He had broken his new year holiday to return to Hebron over fears of a new security crisis, whether or not the long-delayed Israeli pull-out takes place.

Navef Hashlamoun, a Pal-

estinian photographer who with other foreign camera men, is on duty round the clock to film any violence said: The Israelis and the Palestinians are living on their nerves. There is a feeling that the city could explode at any minute, causing clashes that could spread to the rest of the occupied West Bank."

He was one of the photogra-phers whose pictures of last week's near-massacre, when Noam Friedman, 22, a religiously motivated Israeli solbefore being overpowered by another Israeli, brought home to the world the tinderbox

atmosphere in Hebron Over the past 72 hours there has been a rash of incidents as rumours circulate about the imminence or not of a deal to withdraw Israeli troops from 80 per cent of the city - the burial place of the biblical patriarch Abraham. The atfacks are symptomatic of ill. feeling on both sides that has reached a peak not seen since Baruch Goldstein, a Jewish senier, massacred 29 Arab worshippers in 1994. I watched as a squad of

AS NEWS of the secret talks their barracks adjoining the new "front line" - a 280-yard stretch of asphalt known as thrown yesterday at a build of the 450 Jewish settlers live — and intervened to prevent a fight between four A-ab thrown.

The daytime attach agers and a group of Jewish

students in skulkaps. The youths had been spitting and harling insults at each other in a fashion that has become common on the street, closed to Palestinian vehicles since the Goldstein massacre. The street symbolises the resentment felt by Hebron's 120,000 Arab resi-

dents towards the Jews.

The fracas had been preceded by one of the false alarms that could easily trigger bloodshed. Peter Foulds, a British cameraman and a veteran of the Bosnian conflict, said: "It happened on Friday. There was shooting from the Palestinian area and the Israelis got into battle positions before they realised that it was nothing more than traditional firing of wespons at a local Arab wedding."

At the weekend another layer of the hatred was displayed when a right-wing rabbi approached Lieutenant Avi Buskila, the Israeli soldier hailed as a hero for weestling Friedman to the giously monvaned is Palestinians ground. Referring to the as-dier wounded six Palestinians ground. Referring to the asthe late Prime Minister, by a religious Jew, the rabbi from Kiryat Arba settlement snidely reminded the soldier that

Rabin, too, was a hero". Close to the spot where last week's shooting took place is a sign highlighting the blood fends that have made the conflict in Hebron so deepseated. "This property was built on Jewish property sto-len by the Arabs after the 1929 massacre," the message reads, in a reminder that no Jewish resident of Hebron has forgot-ten that 67 Jews were killed here by Arabs under the Israeli troops rushed from British Mandate.



Water bursts through a levee in Modesto, California, at the weekend, flooding farmland to a depth of 15ft. Thirty-seven of the state's counties were declared disaster areas, as well as 13 in Idaho. Twenty-three deaths have been blamed on the week-long storms

Gingrich faces new ethics accusations

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

CLAIMS that Newt Gingrich had not ruled out stepping aside as Republican Speaker and that there was a new ethics charge hanging over him were made yesterday as Democrats and Republicans bitterly traded barbs over tomorrow's vote to re-elect him.

Washington's obsession with the Gingrich case means that even if he is re-elected, it will be with his clout diminished and his reputation tarnished by ethics woes.

The suggestion that Mr Gingrich might remove himself from the race was made by a fellow Republican. Matt Salmon, an Arizona congress-man who had urged Mr Gingrich to step aside while his case was still under investigation. Mr Salmon said that when he spoke to Mr Gingrich on Friday, the Speaker said that that might still be a possibility.

It was entirely possible other Republicans might agree with the idea after listening to Mr Gingrich put his case to them today, with the understanding that they would elect a caretaker Speaker until Mr Gingrich's case was resolved, when he would be returned to office, Mr Salmon claimed. The proposition that Mr Gingrich was even thinking of withdrawing was instantly denied by Republican leaders.

A Democratic claim that Mr Gingrich faces unresolved problems was a last-minute attempt to unsettle Republicans whose leaders were braced for any outcome but remained confident they had won over enough waverers by non-stop lobbying.

David Bonior, the Democratic whip who is on a crusade to ous! Mr Gingrich, claimed to have a new complaint pending with the ethics committee about \$10 million to \$20 million (th million to \$12 million) raised by Gopac, Mr Gingrich's political action committee.

Appearing on NBC's Meet the Press. Mr Bonior said: "We don't know who gave him the money, how much they spent." He implied that it was linked to the ethics charge Mr Gingrich has already admined and said when all the facts are disclosed by an independen counsel the American people would know the extent to which Mr Gingrich was engaged in an effort to defraud charitable foundations.

Working from his home in Georgia Mr Gingrich has been trying to phone all 227 House Republicans to plead for their votes. This evening he will address members en masse behind closed doors on Capito! Hill to press

his case for remaining in charge.

If only 20 Republicans ansair. tomorrow, they will defeat Mr Gingrich and could hand the Speaker gavel to Richard Gephardt, the Demo cratic leader.

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Voters get stuck into Europe while politicians are stuck for an answer

would like to "renegoti-ate" Britain's relationship with the European Union. Only one, almost trivially technical, question needs answering before the young contender's idea becomes manifesto material: how precisely does Mr Dorrell intend to accomplish

Most Tory MPs think this question pedantic practical issues of government hardly enter into the power struggle over the hearts and minds of backbenchers who will elect their next leader. Having already slid into an opposi-



nance, Tories can bandy around buzzwords like "renegotiation", "repatriation" and "withdrawal" without worrying too much about what they might mean in practice.

is going to be happen anyhow. Events will recast the EU in the following ways over the next decade. ☐ The single currency will build a political wall down

the middle of the EU between those in and those out. The key, unresolved issue is whether the division is a permanent one between hostile camps or whether the outs" will be sucked in. ☐ Membership of the EU for Poles. Czechs and Hungarians will trigger an earthquake because of widespread agreement that neither the

EU system nor its budget can

cope unless altered. But since

slow and expensive. At the millennium the EU will consist of four overlapping clubs: the largest covering all who operate singlemarket rules; a smaller single currency zone, a talking shop debating security and defence; and a "Schengen" bloc where internal frontiers have

vanished and whose states try

to make their police work

under threat, change will be

¬ he pivotal question for a British government is how far these bits coalesce towards a federation or remain as distinct, but

and a populist hero credited with stabilising the Yugoslav

dinar and halting inflation.

people shouted to Mr Avra-

novic, who is in his seventies.

Outside the television centre

anger was directed at Mr Milosevic's mouthpiece and

Today, which is Christmas

Eve for the Serbian Orthodox

Church, more demonstrations

are expected. The protesters

are preparing to march defi-

antly to Belgrade's main Saint

Sava Church led by their

Patriach Pavle, who has at-

shouts of "liars" rang out.

better with each other.

European political wants it to congeal into a single system, but the story has not always been that simple. The Maastricht treaty split the EU into three chunks and then, somewhat perversely, called the result a

This will all be played out before British voters who are adjusting to the asymmetry of the 21st century: trade and economics are multinational. while political communities and states stay national. This year's first-time voters seem more relaxed than their elders about the fact that in

owned by a French sewage company, that a French policeman sits in a glass box in Dover inspecting the passports of Channel Tunnel drivers, and yet the local Westminster MP remains more significant than the

Euro-MP Take the breezy crystal-screen-gazers of the infotech magazine Wired who see Union Jack is lowered over Hong Kong, the final shovel of earth will cover the grave of the British Empire. For the first time in over a century Britons will look out over the world with neither a sense of ownership nor a sense of ioss.

but with simply a spirit of opportunity ... First-time voters in 1997 will be people for whom Europe has always been a cultural reality as well as a political hot potato, for whom Asia is an economic engine rather than a provider of takeaway restaurants, for United Kingdom are up for

gainst that backdrop, the British political class will have to be nimble, opportunistic and realistic — not least about the fact that neither France nor Germany has ever displayed the slightest genuine desire to

Europe with anyone else, least of all with Britain. By committing themselves to single currency referendums and doing little or nothing to reverse public opposition to the euro, our three political parties are effectively ensuring that we stay out of the single currency.

But that obliges British politicians to spell out now how they will use what leverage we have to bargain Britain's new place in the new EU. Mr Dorrell hasn't done it. Anyone else care to

GEORGE BROCK

Protesters' car parade paralyses Serb capital

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN BELGRADE

PRESIDENT Milosevic appeared yesterday to have lost control of the Serbian capital Belgrade as a cavalcade of cars and more than 100,000 pro-democracy demonstrators paralysed the city in open defiance of the socialist regime's police force.

Thousands of cars moving at snail's pace jammed every street in the centre as the protesters on foot swarmed into the main square, blowing whistles and detonating fire works. In massed columns they marched past the federal assembly building and the state television centre.

The police appeared overwhelmed by the scale of pro-test and melted away before the throng which was chanting "Red Bandits" and "War

outfoxed the regime. After almost seven weeks of demonstrations, the movement has snowballed across Serbia and is now threatening Mr Milosevic's crumbling power base. The demonstrators are seeking to force the Government to recognise opposition victories in municipal elections across

"It is him or us now," Gojko Dimic. a scientist and senior professor at Belgrade University who joined the demonstration, said, "Every day this is getting bigger and, 100 per cent for sure it is Milosevic and his system we want out.

Neither him nor it can be

adapted to democracy and

they both must go. It is too late

the best tradition of Balkan

irony with a decrepit red Yugo

parked in the middle of the

city's high street, the Street of

Serbian Rulers. Within min-

utes other cars joined it, their

drivers clambering out and

mocking the police by opening

their bonnets and waving car

Yesterday's action began in

to a halt and thousands of people poured out of blocks of flats and offices to demonstrate, drowning out all other sounds with a cacophony of whistles, klaxons and horns.

jacks. Soon all traffic ground

Although the mood was carnival-like, the air was charged with tension and anger directed at the President and his regime. "If Not Now,

read, and the streets roared

with cries of "Come on, let's

go, everybody in the attack" -

ball team Red Star.

the chant of the Serbian foot-

In the immediate absence of

any of the main opposition

leaders the crowd turned their

attention to an unlikely figure

in the crowd, Dragoslav Avra-

novic, a former governor of

the Yugoslav national bank

The Dolphin Bathroom Shop

6 Milosevic is a war criminal who has shamed us all and should be sent for trial at The Hague 9

tacked the regime for its repressive policies. Last night there was silence from the presidency. Although Mr Milosevic may still have support in the countryside, he now resides in a capital that only wants his removal.

'I am 86 years old and have been protesting every day for seven weeks," said one man. "I am sick of living in a concentration camp. Milosevic is a war criminal who has shamed us all and should be sent for trial at The Hague."



Belgrade protesters blow whistles to demonstrate their disgust with the regime

TWO white men were arrested

in South Africa yesterday fol-

lowing three bomb blasts

which police are linking to the

Christmas Eve attack on a

supermarket almost 1,000

miles away which killed four

people and injured more than

60. Two people were hurt in

Police said they stopped two

platinum miners in a red car

at a roadblock soon after the

blasts at Rustenburg about 100 miles northwest of Johan-

nesburg. Three men in a red

car were seen speeding away

from the scene of the Christ-

mas Eve attack at Worcester.

The two arrested men were

remanded in custody until

Friday by magistrates. Police

said explosives were found in

the car and at one of the men's

homes. They were named as Pierre Jacob and Christiaan

Late yesterday Sydney Mufamadi, Minister of Safety

and Security, visited Rusten-

burg in North West Province

to see the blast damage caused

to a mosque in an Indian

Two other bombs damaged

a Muslim-owned sub-post office in the village of Mooi Nooi

about 20 miles from Rusten-burg and a Muslim-owned

off-licence at nearby Mari-kana. Mr Mufamadi descri-

bed the bombings as the work

section of the town.

of "mad people".

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Whites held after

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FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

South African

Mutineers killed as **French** retaliate in Bangui

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

FRENCH troops killed ten prisoners yesterday in the Central African Republic in retaliation for the murder of two unarmed French soldiers ambushed and shot dead on Saturday while on a multinational mediation mission.

At least three civilians were also killed on Saturday during clashes between French troops and the mutineers when civilian supporters of the rebels tried to move in groups to-wards the centre of Bangui,

The French attack came less than two months after President Chirac said France would not intervene alone in Africa. The French Defence Ministry said yesterday that the opera-tion was not an intervention but "a simple act of retaliation" and had been carried out 'in legitimate defence".

France said yesterday's mission was aimed at safeguarding democracy and political stability in Central Africa and protecting French citizens and other foreign citizens in its former colony. It said that the operation did not affect France's support for the multinational mediation mission created last month to foster dialogue and peace in the troubled and impoverished

As French tanks and armoured vehicles rolled into Bangui in the early hours of yesterday, two French Puma helicopters armed with 20mm cannon opened fire on rebel strongholds at the police station in Petevo and the Kassai army camp, both on the outskirts of the city.

The French Defence Ministry said that a considerable number of weapons including AK47 automatic rifles and machineguns, as well as ammunition, were seized during the operation. Their were no French casualties. French troops have also taken control of the port and its fuel supplies and a short-wave radio

transmitter. Captain Patrick-René Devos and Warrant Officer Gerard Giraldo, both 34, were killed by mutineers while with a multinational mediation team led by officers from Chad and Burkina Faso. The French Defence Ministry denounced the killings as "cowardly

campaign shortly before South Africa's elections in April 1994. Twenty people were killed and more than 200 injured in that campaign. The movement has denied involvement in the supermarket bombing but has said that it understands the frustrations of its members.

Faisal Achmed, a spokesman

for the Muslim community in Rustenburg, said the mosque had received threatening calls

from Afrikaans-speakers over

A police spokesman said the

mosque was damaged by pipe

bombs similar to those used in

the supermarket attack for

which a right-wing group calling itself Boer Attack

Troops has claimed responsi-

bility in a fax sent to the South

African Press Association. The

fax promised that "for every farmer that is murdered, hun-

dreds of your anti-Christs will

Police have linked the super-

market bombing with three

leading members of the Afri-

kaner Resistance Movement

who escaped from prison last

March after being convicted of

taking part in a bombing

die at our hands".

the past two weeks.

It said that the "open hatred of Dullah Omar, the Minister of Justice who is also a Muslim, "towards the white race and the Boer people is the reason for breakaway groups who are no longer prepared to

murder".

Madrid students see red over professor's views on colour

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

CONTROVERSY erupted at unlike those of the white race, Madrid's oldest university yesterday after students accused a psychology professor of writing a racist textbook

Guillermo Quintana, professor of educational psychology at the Complutense University, provoked com-plaints after his students discovered that sections of his new textbook, La Psicología de la Personalidad, y sus Trastornos - "The psychology of personality, and its disorders" — appeared to be

riddled with racial slurs.

In extracts of the book, published yesterday in the newspaper El País, Professor Quintaria writes that "the members of the black race,

share a certain uniformity. They are primitive in their mentality and their customs, and inferior to whites in their exercise of the psychic func-tions of analysis, reflection, reasoning, will decision making, self-control and artistic ability (whether in music or

The section on blacks continues: "Their main personality traits are an infantile hyper-emotiveness, emotional instability, imbalance, fear, spinelessness, cowardice. weakness of spirit, a need for company, false arrogance, a pride empty of content, an ingenuous trust in others. fanaticism, instinctive pas-

the plastic arts)."

sion, irritability, incons ateness, and a lack of noble sentiments.

The "yellow race", by comparison, gets off lightly, being criticised only as being "slow, chursy and lacking in imagination and invention". Another chapter tells the

story of a nun who returned to secular life. Professor Quintana describes his visit to her in the following terms: "Her legs, earlier protected under her habit, were now barely covered by her miniskirt and revealed as rather ugly. Her well-sculpted lips, made for prayer, were now used not to kiss the crucifix but some other more stimulating

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About 60.000 people have

been killed in the past live

years in terronst-related at-

tacks in the Arab world.

mainly in Algeria and Egypt.

The Algerian toll in a conflict

with Muslim extremists was

50.000. Arab interior minis-

Eleven journalists were also

killed last year in Algeria.

Both Egypt and Algeria called

for greater co-operation be-

tween Arah countries and

particularly with Europe to

Paris: Algerian security forces

said "a group of terrorists".

which usually means Muslim

guerrillas, had killed to people

in the village of Ben Achour.

30 miles south of Algiers. The

news came the day after

Ahmed Ouvahia, the Prime

Minister, repeated govern-

ment claims that the guerrillas

N'djamena: President Deby's

27-party coalition is favoured

to win Chad's much-delayed

elections yesterday. Voters in

the country, plagued by course.

civil war and conflict with

Libya, are looking to democra-

cy and oil wealth to bring a

had been crushed. (Reuter)

Chad votes in

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Guerrillas kill

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1:- The call to prayer in Registan Square, Samarkand

Pope will apologise to Jews for past errors THE Vatican is to apologise

formally for the "anti-Semitic errors" of Catholicism as part of an attempt to reconcile the three great monotheistic religions - Christianity, Judaism and Islam - in time for the

Vatican officials said yester-day that the Pope had instructed a new historical theological commission to examine the persecution and to turne of Jews by the Inquisition in 15th-century Spain and to tackle the issue of the sometimes ambivalent attitude of Catholics toward the Nazi elimination of Jewish populations in occupied Europe during the Second World War.

The 76-year-old Pope, who counted many Jews among his friends in wartime Poland, is increasingly preoccupied with the millennium, which he speaks of in almost apocalyptic terms. He has rehabilitated a number of famous "herencs", including Galileo and Darwin, as part of his premillennium squaring accounts with history. He has also said that despite his age and frail health, he hopes to retrace the travels of Abraham in the Holy Land and to climb Mount Sinai with Jewish and

Muslim leaders Mgr Rino Fisichella, vicechairman of the new commission, said it would hold two international symposiums on anti-Semitism in the autumn. The meetings, to be held in the

FROM DAVID WATTS

IN SAMARKAND

THE new countries of Central

Asia are searching for heroes

to lead them after decades of contrived enthusiasm for

dreary communist figure

In the immediate aftermath

of the collapse of Soviet power

there was a temptation to

lionise anyone who had pulled

a fast one on the Russians.

Few could touch Sharif

Rashidov in that department.

Mr Rashidov, Uzbekistan's

leader in the Brezhnev era.

became a hero when it turned

out he had cheated the Rus-

sians of £1.2 billion for cotton

These days it is better to try-

which was never delivered.

to build a new relationship

with Moscow. Much trade still

has to be done with the

"mother country" and, in any

event, Mr Rashidov was hard-

ly thinking of ordinary Uzbeks

This is an extraordinary

period as generations of Uz-

beks discover the history of

their country - of how Soviet

power manipulated whole na-

tions and distorted their econ-

omies to meet Soviet

requirements. They are reading of the realities for the first

time as they gain access to writers and records outside

their country. Men like Timur.

Saidov, Tashkent's Ambassa-

dor to London, who studied

diplomacy in Moscow in com-

munist days but knew nothing

of how Soviet power had

created whole towns and even

industries to accommodate

Russian emigrés and political

when he kept the cash.

heads in far-off Moscow.

Vatican, would involve clergy, lay people and academic experts, and would confront the often painful issues of Jewish-Catholic relations without preconceptions". The aim was for the Church to ask pardon for any past mistakes.

Mgr Fisichella said that the

Commission would tackle the

"delicate" question of the roots of anti-Semitism in the New Testament, where the Jews, especially in St John's Gospel, are represented as the enemies of Christ. The Second Vatican Council first broached the issue in the 1960s by declaring that Christians and Jews had a common spiritual patrimony and that "what happened in Christ's passion cannot be blamed on all the Jews then living, nor on Jews living today". The present Pope knell in prayer at Auschwitz in 1979 and at the Rome Synagogue in 1986, when he acknowledged the "discrimination and oppression suffered by Jews in Christian countries over the centuries. The Vatican established diplomatic relations with Israel in 1993.

But many Jewish leaders remain dissatisfied with Vancan statements on the Holocaust. They also want a clear Vatican condemnation of the failure of Pope Pius XII to denounce Nazi atrocities or to speak out against the deportation of Jews from Rome itself during the German wartime

Tamerlane: from sheep

rustler to intellectual

UZBEKISTAN

cadres moved into Uzbekistan

to keep an eye on this outpost

called up to collection points in

Tashkent at dead of night for

the invasion of Afghanistan.

They were just given their rifles and told to remember

their military oaths. They

knew nothing of how to fight

in mountains or deserts. They

were just massacred." Men

like that are not remembered

by the Soviet Army and rela-

tions were forbidden to open

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Henk Angenent acknowledges the cheers of spectators in Leeuwarden after winning the Dutch II-cities skating marathon on Saturday

Farmer rakes in glory with skating victory

FROM MARK FULLER IN AVISTERDAM

HENK ANGENENT, a 29year-old Dutch sprout grower, is still trying to come to terms with his thrilling victory at the weekend in the 11-cities skating marathon, the Elfstedentocht, which has been held only 15 times this century.

'It is one of the best days of my life. I had a good feeling in my legs and my back and it all

modern heroes; at least none

In order to discover who is

the back of another horse.

fashioned a capital without

peer in the world of his time.

Using skilled craftsmen whom

he took captive along the way

to build its exquisite Registan

Square, Samarkand became an oasis of culture.

But is the scourge of Central

Asia who sacked every city of

substance and may have been

responsible for as many as

17 million deaths a suitable

hero? As one Samarkand resi-

dent put it: "Hasn't every

people in one way or another?"

tary exploits are now being

played down: "Now we are

being told Tamerlane was not

such a great generalissimo, though he invaded 35 coun-

tries. Now he is seen as more

of an intellectual, like his

grandson Ulug Beg," another

Ulug Beg was a great

astronomer whose observa-

tory remains as a museum

outside Samarkand today. He

mapped the heavens with

extraordinary accuracy, calcu-

lating the co-ordinates of 1,018

stars just as Avicenna can be

regarded as the father of

Medical Canon was translat-

ed into Latin in 1543, becom-

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medicine until the 19th centu-

Samarkandi said.

Not surprisingly his mili-

leader massacret

they can talk about.

raced 200 kilometres before and to win at the first attempt is umbelievable," he said. There is nothing like this

125-mile event to impassion the normally phlegmatic Dutch. More than a million spectators followed the event directly, and another 9.2 million - 65 per cent of the population - watched live television coverage of the race, which follows the frozen waterways and lakes linking II towns in the northern province of Friesland. Mr Angenent switched from riding to competitive skating as his main spert only in 1990 and previously had never raced in marathons longer than 100 kilometres. The young farmer from Alphen aan den Rijn. near The Hague, showed im-

mense strength and composure to defeat the race favourite Erik Hulzebosch in a nail-bitting sprint finish. Mr Angenent completed the gruelling course in 6 hours, 49 minutes and 18 seconds. His average speed was just under

There is no prize money. But financial reward did not motivate Mr Angenent or the 300 other racers and more than 16.000 "enthusiasts" who took part in the marathon, which has gained mythical status since it started in 1909.

The winner is guaranteed fame and Mr Angenent, who received a congratulatory telegram from Queen Beatrix,

in his home town today.

The race went off without

any serious hitches, although the decision to go ahead was taken only on Thursday. But the worst cold spell in a decade and a skin-piercing icy wind decimated the field; half the skaters failed to complete the course. A 57-year-old man died from a heart attack and hundreds of skaters were treated for fractures, facial injuries,

lasting end to bloody ethnic rivalry. (Reuter) Aids victim wins

£3m in lottery New York: An Aids patient living in a Montreal hospice has won Can\$7.3 million (£3.2 million) in the Quebec lonery and says she might use the money to seek treatment in the US. Antoinette Distillo, 51, left her job five years ago because of her health.

Move ordered

Kuala Lumpur: Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian Prime Minister, has ordered all state governments to move riverside settlements after a tropical storm on December 26 left hundreds dead. (AFP)

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Uzbeks find a hero in Kohl says Nato deal Tamerlane the butcher in sight their coffins when they came this year home. Uzbekistan has no

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

favoured as a national hero the residents of Tashkent have HELMUT KOHL, the Geronly to look in the city's Amur man Chancellor, speaking after weekend talks with Pres-Timur Square. In the 1800s it was graced with the figure on antin Kaufmann, the Russian a compromise to be reached governor of the day. Then it this year over the main stumwas Stalin's turn, but when he bling block in Russia's relagot a less than stellar rating the Uzbeks fell back on Kari tions with the West - Nato's planned eastward expansion.

Herr Kohl, the first foreign Marx to be on the safe side. head of government to be received by Mr Yeltsin this Today Tamerlane in heroic pose points to the future from year and the first Western In Samarkand a central leader to see him since his square was cleared for a heart surgery in November. similar memorial which spent three hours with the President on Saturday at his marked the 660th anniversary lodge at Zavidovo, 60 miles of the great leader's birth, A sheep rustler turned emperor, northwest of Moscow. The he led his mounted archers as Chancellor said after the talks far afield as Moscow and that they had agreed to contin-Delhi, styling himself Con-queror of the World, and ue discussions over Nato.

There are still some differences of opinion." Herr Kohl said. "But we evaluated a couple of ideas which I will discuss with my Nato col-leagues ... I think that this year we will find a rational solution which will make Nato enlargement possible and will respect the security interests of all parties."

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the Russian presidential spokesman, who earlier had described the talks as "extremely cordial", was at pains last night to play down any opti-mism about an early resolution. "There are well known differences regarding the Russian stand and the stand of Germany and other Nato states," he said.

Herr Kohl said Mr Yeltsin had made a good recovery and was alert and energetic The two men enjoy an excel-lent personal relationship and held 75 minutes of private talks on Saturday, followed by a working dinner.

Western governments see Mr Yeltsin's resumption of full power as providing an Nato problem. While many modern Western medicine. He Russian officials are reconlived from 980-1037 and his ciled to the inevitability of former Warsaw Pact members joining the alliance, some senior officials have hinted at counter-measures, ry. But perhaps he did not including new military pacts have Tamerlane's panache.

Missile sale angers Turkey

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

TURKEY, responding angrily to a planned sale by Russia of an advanced air-defence system to Cyprus, accused the Greek Cypriots of mounting an arms build-up on the divided island which it said was undermining peace. The Cyprus Government

missile system is for defensive purposes. Its 11,500-strong guard is outnumbered by 30,000 Turkish troops in northern Cyprus and Turkish jets can reach the island within four minutes.

says that the anti-aircraft

Cypriot officials agree that the deal, signed in Nicosia on Saturday, is designed to encampaign to solve the Cyprus problem. But Turhan Tayan, Turkey's Defence Minister. said: "You cannot secure peace through the use of arms."

powers mount an intensive

The Greek Cypriots say they will halt their arms purchases once Turkey complies with United Nations resolutions by withdrawing its forces from northern Cyprus.

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Madonna takes material interest in the Bible

Catholic Church, plans to stop her new baby daughter watching television and will encourage her to read the Bible the role of Eva Peron in the film Evita. tells She magazine that she intends to

remain a single mother but is bothered failed marriage with the actor Sean by her reputation as "anti-family".

New YORK

People are extremely judgmental of the father of her baby. Lourdes. The star has already ditched friends she considers.

MADONNA, erstwhile siren of music me and my choice to have a child and not has already ditched friends she considers. videos and provoker of the Roman be married as if I am the first person to do it," she says in the February's issue. The important thing is to love. That happens with a marriage, without a

too frivolous and says she will restrict her daughter's television-watching. "TV is poison," she declares. "To be plopped in front of a TV instead of being read to, will encourage ner w read us who plays marriage, with a single parent, talked to or encouraged to interact with other human beings is a huge mistake . . . Madonna. 38, who had an earlier that happens to a lot of children."

The DISCOVERY DIET GUIDE

Food scientists now believe that diets should be tailored to the individual. All this week The Times will help you to find out what's wrong with your eating habits and which foods are right for you



Does science have the answer?

WE ARE regularly assailed by new eating philosophies, never more urgently than just after the traditional Christmas binge. These philosophies range from full-blown diets which promise instant weight loss through to occasional bulletins from the Department of Health imploring the public to eat more fresh food.

Celebrities also have a lot to answer for. When Elizabeth Hurley said that she was a devotee of food combining, in which different food types such as proteins or carbohydrates are eaten in specific permutations, this revelation was dissected in detail and no doubt inspired many others to try it. However, one dominant trend is emerging. Food scientists no longer assume that a diet that works for one person will work for everyone. Indeed, research published by the British Medical Journal last week shows that diets based on counting calories are less effective than those which concentrate on the types of food eaten.

Blanket dietary advice is out, and in its place has come nutritional advice specific to the individual. The field of nutritional therapy - founded on the premise that each person is biochemically unique and has different sustenance requirements is booming. The concept that diets should

be tailored to individuals ties in with more academic studies on the way we eat, or should be eating.

individuals vary widely in their biochemical responses to food, and this is down to

One important implication is that if you want to eat foods that are good for you. then don't necessarily look to government guidelines. And, since the production of proteins is regulated by our genetic makeup, it stands to reason that our diets should be dictated by our DNA.

This most pioneering research has been

carried out by Dr Gary Williamson, head of cellular metabolism and enzymology at the Institute for Food Research in Norcells are fed chemicals found naturally in vegetables, they show a huge variation in biochemical response

Dr Williamson's research has focused on fruit and vegetables, which should make up a substantial part of a healthy diet. For example, broccoli, onion and garlic are known to stimulate production of a protective chemical called gs-alpha. Natural levels in the body can vary thirtyfold across the population. That is why it is more important for people at the lowest end of the scale to eat more of these vegetables," says Dr Williamson.

rigorous proof that the same diet can have different effects on different people. One has only to look at a population of thriving centenarians for further evidence — many appear to put their longevity down to cigarettes, whisky or fat-laden fry-ups, while that lifestyle clearly puts other people at rich people at risk.

So how do we go about finding out what we should ear? Dr Williamson has a radical view of the future. He says: "I wouldn't be surprised if, in ten years, we could walk into a supermarket and get a biochemical test done. Then you could

> 'In ten years we could have biochemical tests at the supermarket to determine what we should buy'

adapt your diet accordingly. It isn't far-fetched by any means. That's what people said about cholesterol tests, and these are now routinely done by GPs and used to

give dietary advice." But ten years is a long time. This is where the nutritional therapist comes in. Equipped with an impressive armoury of laboratory tests, he or she can already offer this brand of made-to-measure eating plan. And many of these plans go further than weight loss - some thera-pists claim to be able to cure maladies. Their advice ranges from the general right through to vitamin and mineral supplements and recipes.

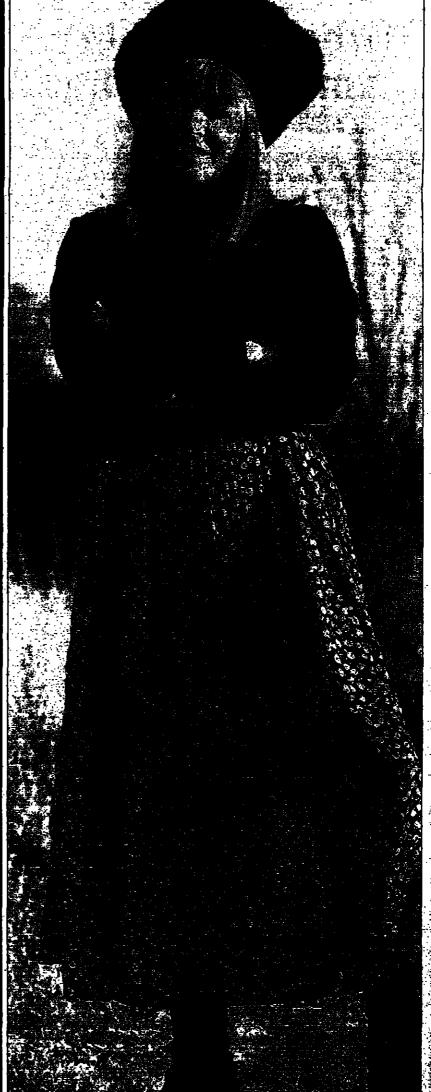
People turn to nutritional therapy for many reasons — perhaps they have developed a food intolerance, prefer not to take drugs or feel that conventional medicine has failed them. They will often be given more time by a therapist than by a GP, and there is undoubtedly an a GP, and there is undoubtedly an element of taking responsibility when a diet, rather than a drug, is prescribed. A visit may be prompted purely by a desire to boost health and energy.

Whatever the reason, the rise in nutritional therapy is undentable. The Society for the Promotion of Nutritional Theorems which were transplantable.

Therapy, which was set up only five years ago, boasts 2,000 members, of whom 700 are accredited practitioners. Many are doctors, nurses and clinical nutritionists.

The society's work received a boost recently when a government study showed that the vitamin and mineral supplements so favoured by nutritional therapists were safe. "We get 2,000 inquiries a year," says Linda Lazarides, SPNT's director. "It is certainly becoming better known because people are seeking more natural ways of looking after

ANJANA AHUJA



Mary Killen finally found the secret of eating well while watching the scales

PRODUCT RECALL

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Radiant with health at 54. Gudrun Jonsson says: "People are waking up to the importance of preventing illness through adapting their lifestyle and diet."

'I lost weight and cleared my mind'

for about two years, despite the calones as my pencil thin friends. I finally found the secret of eating as much of the system.

as them while still losing weight. I was 35.

Some people may have scoffed at the delighted that I wrote an acticle explain idea in 1993, but a study soon to be ing how I did it in the August 1993 issue of published in the Journal of Nutritional

biopathologist named Gudrun Jonsson had told me that my bulkiness and almost non-existent bowel movements had nothing to do with allergies: I was simply sensitive" to certain foodstuffs, such as dairy products. It was not my fault that I had blown up like a balloon.

Following her instructions, yet still eating more than I had for years, I lost 23h in four months.

The article seemed to strike a chord,

perhaps because it was then almost unheard of to blame a "syndrome" rather than personal inadequacy for one's de-fects, Gudrun was so besieged by people wanting consultations that her answerphone soon announced, in slightly persecuted tones, that there were no more new appointments for at least six months.

She told me I had a "toxic gut" which was fermenting. "And when you put in dairy products, you make more fermenta-tion," she said. Wheat and yeast also contributed to fermentation and I was told

to avoid them, too.

I hardly ever went to the loo, so everything I ate was neither being used as energy, nor being expelled as waste, but

trapped in a senting pit of fermentation.
How had I created this "toxic gut"?
Gudrun explained that stress is a contribmory factor. It results in food being
serially gobbled in a panicky way because
of secretary then not remove the more serial. of tension; then not properly processed as the digestive juices have not been trig-

gered by correct chewing.

Antibiotics can strip the natural flora of the gut and once the blockage has begun. ill-advised food combinations aggravate the problem. Hay dieters will know that protein and starch should be eaten separately, otherwise the digestive juices needed to break them down - one acid and one alkali - are triggered at the same time and neutralise each other.

Fruit eaten with other food causes similar problems. Too much fibre-free food means that the waste is not expelled properly. All these factors, particularly the lafter, lead to toxic gut and, consequently, low energy levels, said Gudrun. I was to avoid wheat, yeast, dairy

products, tomatoes, orange juice, coffee, sugar and chocolate. Gudrun was one of the first people in this country to identify oranges, milk and chocolate as "enemies

Harpers & Queen. Medicine reveals that persistent crime
A nutritionist reflexologist and offenders frequently cannot tolerate certain foods and are allergic to others. Bananas and oranges have been singled out as mood-altering — along with other everyday foods such as milk, potatoes and apricots. Even chocolate is guilty of triggering aggressive, unpredictable benaviour in some people according to the

research," it was reported last month.
Gudrun prescribed some homoeopathic mixtures "to wake up the system

> 'Oranges, milk and chocolate are considered to be enemies of the digestive system and are best avoided'

before eating, to make you sleep well so as to help the recovery process, and to reintroduce bacterial flora to the gut".

I also consumed five cups of hot water with lemon and ginger. In no time my bowel movements were regular and my mind was less foggy.

MY HUSBAND, who is a very good cook and who generally prepares our food. paid no attention when I first began to follow this "latest neurotic diet", as he called it. A man who, depending on what he has been eating, swings between looking like Robert Redford or Timothy Spall - was going through a Timothy Spall stage in those days. At first he was annoyed when I

wouldn't join him in shepherd's pie or chicken curry, but when he saw that the weight was dropping off even though I was still eating reasonable amounts of food, he became interested. A typical day's intake for me would include out bran

porridge for breakfast, flavoured with maple syrup, five wheat, yeast and sugar-free outcakes mid-morning, baked potato, olive oil and salad for lunch, and hot vegetable stock at intervals until the evening. Then three glasses of wine (although Gudrun advised two) and stirfry vegetables with chicken or lamb with swede or celeriac (neither of which counts

as starch) for supper. My husband, an asthmatic who also suffered from indigestion, soon joined me on the dier. He lost two stones in two months and did not need his Ventolin

WHEN I first went to Gudrun I had also been trying to have a second baby, with no success. Gudrun felt that "nothing will stick there while you have this toxic gut" but she said that in a few months "we can get you pregnant".

Four months after that first meeting I was indeed expecting a haby. And I had dropped from 11st 9lb to 10st. I followed Gudrun's diet throughout the pregnancy and was 11st 71b just before having the baby in January 1994. I was 10st 7lb after the birth. I should have been able to complete the trajectory which had been interrupted and continue downwards until I was about 8st 104b - the ideal

weight for someone who is 5ft 4in.
I stick to Gudrun's eating instructions as often as I can. I buy Russian rye bread, available from Waitrose. I eat starch and protein separately. I avoid tomatoes, oranges and sugar. But when you have a two-year-old who drinks a lot of hot milk and you are constantly tasting it, plus making wheat and yeasty snacks for her and her nine-year-old sister and absent-

mindedly licking your fingers... More to the point, when you are constantly on tour as I am — my husband is a landscape painter and we travel a lot, staying with different people and eating their undesirable mixtures such as fish pie which contains wheat, yeast, dairy products and an unsuitable food combination of starch and protein, then it is

But three years on from a diet, it is not bad to be still 1st 61b lighter than you were before, given that so many dieters balloon back to their original size. I remind myself that I am not nearly as hideous as I was, and the awful listless fog which once clouded my brain has gone - hopefully

MARY KILLEN



RECIPES FOR DRINKS THAT HELP TO CLEANSE THE BODY

THERE is no definitive method for detoxifying the body: each person reacts differently. Sudden detoxification can lead to severe headaches, skin irritations and bad breath. For this reason Gudrun is reluctant to prescribe a specific exclusion diet, though she is happy to recommend some cleansing drinks to help to detoxify the system. I) Mix one whole lemon in a blender with olive oil and water to create a system-cleansing drink;

Simmer olive leaves in water for about 12 hours, drain liquid and drink in the morning to cleanse the liver.

3) Warm water with lemon and ginger. 4) Cider vinegar, mixed with warm



Lemons: for cleansing the body

GLOSSARY

GREEN ENERGY: The energy received from algae.
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UDO's OIL: A blend of natural oils rich in lecithin, which provides the building materials for healthy cell membranes. UDO's MISSING LINK: A nutrient-rich, high-fibre product to improve nutrition. CAL-M: Soluble form of calcium and

Inagresium.

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Gut reaction that can lead you to better health

IN THE study of Gudrun Jonsson's flat in west London is a biotron, It is a machine that sits on a table next to a large, battered black chair, like the one used in Mastermind. The biotron is small and unremarkable and you scarcely notice it as you enter Ms Jonsson's study, but it is indispensable to her work as a biopath.

"Sit down, take off your socks and hold this," she says, handing you a metal rod that stretches on a long lead from the biotron. She then presses a pencil-shaped stylus, also attached to the machine. against numerous acupuncture points on your hands and feet

"I am measuring the electrical charges coming from your body to sest your energy levels," she says. "This offers a guide to which organs are active and which inactive and to the origins of any problems you have. We need to establish the extent of the toxicity of your gut. But if your digestive system is perfect, your health is normally perfect, too."

Toxic guts, fermentation, hiotrons — the world of alternative medicine generates an exotic and arcane vocabulary. But Ms Jonsson is no crank. Her inclusive approach to weight problems and stressinduced illness — combining homoeopathy, nutritional advice and reflexology — has had remarkable results. Her patients include actors, artists. media tycoons, newspaper editors and numerous royals.

Although often described as "the Duchess of York's food guru", she bristles when asked about the duchess. She denounces Madame Vasso, the disgraced faith healer from Greece who published her taped telephone conversations with the duchess in a book, The Duchess of York: Uncensored.

"I never discuss my clients. I think what Madamae Vasso did was an ultimate betrayal of the trust that her client had put in her."

Gudrun Jonsson is a tall, striking Swede. At 54, she wears no make-up and has a flawless complexion. Her blonde hair is thick and healthy. But she did not always look so radiant. Twenty years ago, she says, she was "badly overweight, chronically constipated and had had skin". Her hair was also falling out. "I remember combing my hair and whole chunks coming out in my hands."

She feels her deteriorating health was a symptom, not only of a disordered life but of decades of bad eating. Born in Sweden in 1943, the daughter of a farmer, she grew up in Orträsk, a remote village in the far north. The spectacular but severe landscape of her childhood - with its long, dark winters and thick mists contributed to her poor diet.

"We were a typical nothern European family. We never had many vegetables. I continued to eat hadly when I moved to England. I would never have taken charge of my body if I hadn't started

losing my hair. After that, I started studying diet, eating better and generally looking after myself."

The loss of her hair coincided with a

difficult phase in her life. Before moving to London in 197), she worked as a primary school teacher in Stockholm. She originally came to Lundon to join her boyfriend, but that relationship ended only three weeks after her arrival.

Her pride stopped her returning immediately to Sweden. So began her restless years, working in restaurants and hotels. as a chaffeur and a travel agent, and as head of a company manufacturing jeans in Manchester. She also had a brief. unsuccessful marriage.

"I don't regret anything about those years," she says. "My husband was a nice man but I was his third wife and he is now on his fifth. As for all the jobs, well. I like to think that without those experi-ences I would not have been able to understand people's problems."

Biopathy was founded by Kur

Niclson, a Danish author and therapist. who took many of his ideas from existing therapies in Germany. Ms Junsson was intrigued by the therapy after reading about it in a book she received for Christmas. She saved some money to pay for her training in Denmark.

'I WAS attracted to biopathy because it aims to activate the self-healing forces within each individual through the combined use of natural treatments and remedies," she says. "People are waking up to the importance of preventing illness through adapting their lifestyle and diet. Reducing your stress level is a good example of a simple precaution people

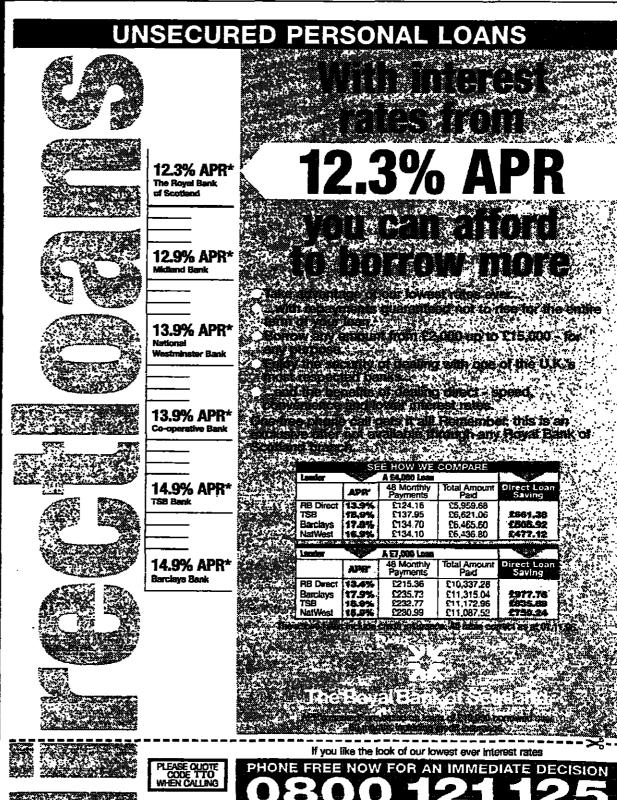
Ms Jonsson is a person who makes you feel good. She laughs continually: her conversation is engaging.

Looking back over her early years in London, Gudrun has few regrets. Though she spends most nights in the week alone, she never feels lonely. Her weekends are shared with friends in the country, where she swims and relaxes. She says: "If you work closely with people all day, you need time alone to recover your sense of perspective. I think it would take a special man to put up with my daily routine."

And what a routine. On waking she has a cup of warm water with added lemon and ginger, followed by a cold bath and some stretching exercises. The morning and afternoon are spent with patients, but the evening is hers in which to read, relax and meditate. The day ends with another bath - a warm one this time, laced with homoeopathic potions.

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Jason Cowley examines six case-studies where a balanced diet has helped to transform patients' lifestyles . .

Putting lives back into balance

GUDRUN JONSSON's treatments aim to identify the underlying cause of the problem, and to achieve results within three months.

Each patient is put on a course of acidophilus, which aids digestion and balances "intestinal ecology". She also uses homoeopathic preparations (see glossary) and encourages them to drink one and a half litres of water per day. Patients must cut out wheat potatoes. chocolate, sugar, cheese and fine-grain rice, and reduce coffee and tea drinking.

The disruptive schoolboy

Profile: Adam, aged 9, tall, medium

Presenting problem: weight, headaches, poor concentration, bad temper.

Underlying problem: taking antibiotics since the age of three. A craving for choco-late and junk food. Chronically cons-

Treatment/diet plan: a gluten-free diet. Nuts, chocolate, sugar oranges and potatoes forbidden.

Recommended: for breakast, oatbran porridge. Lunch and dinner - variations of chicken, vegetables and rice. Fruit, and snacks from health food shops. Apple juice was added to Adam's water. He also took dried vinegar in capsule form at night and unsaturated oils and multivitamin supplements. Occasionally he took homoeopathic complexes to calm his tension at night.

Outcome: after two months headaches disappeared and concentration improved. He became more co-operative at school. He lost weight and his bowel movements became more regular.

Gudrun's comment: "In cases involving difficult children, especially those away at boarding school, it is necessary to have the full backing of his or her family and school. Adam responded to his mother's love and patience."

The depressed teenage girl

Profile: Louise, aged 16, 13st, medium height and build.

Presenting problem: weight and depres-

Underlying problem: constipated, low blood sugar and low self-esteem. Treatment: breakfast, oatbran with linseed oil and cooked apple, goat's/sheep's yoghurt. Packed lunch: Louise bought a wide-mouthed vacuum flask in which she put chicken and vegetable stew, occasionally thickened with oatbran. Early supper: fish or chicken, a selection of vegetables, with fresh herbs, olive oil and lemon. Before bed: stewed apple/prune with a little yoghurt. Also a variety of



Changing lives: Gudrun Jonsson emphasises the virtues of balanced, healthy eating and improved digestion for people of all ages

blespoon of Missing Link with stewed ap-

Comment: "After two weeks Louise felt her lost energy returning, which in turn improved her self-esteem. After six months she was two stone lighter. Most important was that she regained her

The harassed schoolteacher

Profile: Alice, age 27, l2st, short.

Presenting problem: weight, inflamed

Underlying problem: she had been taking antibiotics for more than a decade. Blood sugar was extremely low - encourjob, and history of irritable bowel syn-

Treatment: breakfast — grated warm apple. with Missing Link and Udo's oil. Mid-morning: green energy capsule, plus a warm drink. Lunch: vegetable soup, with a little protein. Supper: protein and vegetables. Because Alice could not tolerate gluten she tried different grains, such as brown rice, quinoa or millet.

Outcome: she lost 212 stone in four months and her skin condition improved. She continues to take bacteria flora. Missing Link and Udo's oil. Comment: "It was vital for her to see the importance of eating a little and often, and to have warm drinks between meals. I increased her intake of fluid to 1.5 litres per day. When her job is stressful, I en-

couraged her to use homoeopathic prepa-

The high-flying banker

Profile: Simon, age 47, 6ft, slim. Presenting problem: middle-age spread,

Underlying problem: craves sweet foods, slightly constipated. Exercises for two hours each day, monitors his calories. Eats only one meal, usually with clients

Treatment: breakfast - oatbran flakes, an apple, and a glass of non-sweet fruit juice. A quarter of a tablespoon of Udo's oil, progressing, after two weeks, to half a tablespoon of oil. Mid-morning: green energy capsules and warm drink. Lunch: diand vegetables. Dinner: digestive enzymes. Fish or chicken with vegetables, a beetroot capsule to assist the liver and added lemon and dill to his evening meal. Before bed: bath, with added CAL-M capsules. Breathing exercises to aid relax-

Results: Simon lost just under a stone and he began to relax more. Comment: "With the return to a normal energy level, he realised how stressed and

The woman on an antibiotic cocktail

Profile: Mary, age 76.

Presenting problem: weight — thin arms

Underlying problem: for many years she had taken antibiotics, slimming preparations and drugs. She had tried most diets, had had hepatitis three times and was regularly constipated.

Treatment: breakfast — three tablespoons

of stewed apple with Missing Link and digestive enzymes. Mid-morning: cup of chicken stock. Lunch: steamed vegetables and a little protein. Beetroot capsule. Midafternoon: green energy capsule, half a ta-blespoon of Missing Link, with either papaya or an apple and goat's yoghurt. Supper: a light meal of protein and vege-tables with directive gravenes and Lici tables, with digestive enzymes and HCL pepsin. Before bed: CAL-M and homoeopathic preparations. Half a table-spoon of L-glutamine three times per day. Comment "I advised Mary to eat no por-tion of food that was larger than the volume of her hands when cupped together.
She had to alter the habits of a lifetime."

The career woman who wants children

Profile: Katie, age 35, 12st 2lb, 5ft 6in-Presenting problem: inability to

Underlying problem: weight carried from waist down — hips, thighs, buttocks, legs. Constipation, dry skin, headaches, insomnia, pamic attacks.

Treatment on waking she drank a ginger and lemon infusion. Breakfast: fruits with a tablespoon of yoghurt, soaked linseed, digestive enzyme. In between meals, two Oxyflex capsules. Lunch: fish with salad or grilled vegetables. Mixture of Udo's oil, lemon and green herbs on her salad. Mid-afternoon: warm ginger and lemon drink, plus soaked apricot with a couple of almonds and goat-milk yoghurt. If working late, low-salt vegeta-ble stock cube and a green energy capsule. Dinner: chicken or fish, vegetables and herbs and ginger. Also a beetroot capsule (for iron), together with a digestive en-zyme and her acidophilus. Before bed: AL-M and a warm drink.

Outcome: after the first month she had lost just under a stone in weight but was still not pregnant. A month later, she had sun not pregnant. A month later, she had lost a further four pounds, had improved posture, was less constipated and her skin was not so dry. After three months, she had lost an additional four pounds and her physical appearance had improved. She then took an overdue holiday. Several weeks after this she found that she was pregnant.

Comment: "Katie was highly competitive," and worked in an extremely stressful environment. Whenever she had a hint of a cold, she took antibiotics. She also suffered from severe post-menstrual tension. Once she had completely changed her life. she found that she was able to conceive. During her pregnancy she continued to come to see me, her baby is now a healthy.



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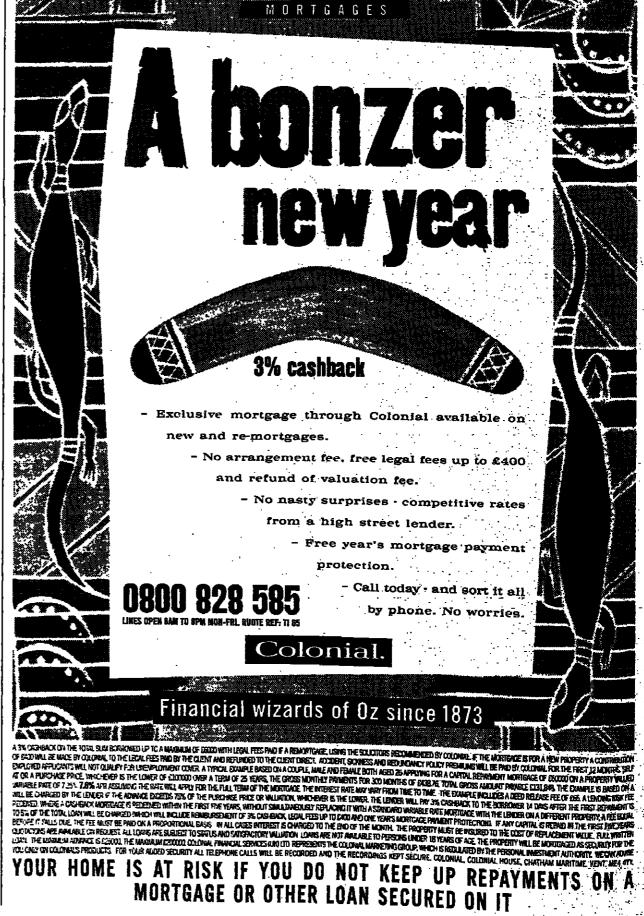
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Revital consisting of the same kinds of chemicals, formulated in a capsule. He expects them to earn a place in the kitchen cabinet alongside vitamins and fish oil capsules. The key to both these developments are phytochemicals — natural constituents of plants that are neither protein, fibre nor vitamin, but which research has shown can confer powerful health benefits. Dr John Wilkinson, of Middlesex University, says that 40,000 such chemicals are known, but that we are only beginning to **新疆。** 100 mm

understand how they function. If you believe the phytochemical eath-Usiasts, these substances can cure all human ills from Aids to hot flushes. Plants have, of course provided the basis for many powerful drugs - about a quarter of the drugs on the market have botanical origins - and the pharmaceuti-

IF EATING greens is good for

you, what about super-greens?

At the laboratories of the insti-

tute of Food Research (IFR) in Norwich,

scientists are breeding better broccoli, enriched in the chemicals responsible for

If and when these turbocharged vege-

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Down in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, Nigel Gifford is taking a different tack.

His company, Herbalforce Natural Prod-

ucts, is selling a food supplement called

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its health benefits.

cal companies continue the search, but Dr Wilkinson believes that the future emphasis on phytochemicals will be different. He says that it may be impossible to isolate a particular chemical and sell it as a drug, because what matters is the synergistic effects of a

whole orchestra of phytochemicals.

If so, phytochemicals will occupy a middle ground between drugs and foods: they will be nutriceuticals, foods or food supplements that confer health benefits. Proving those benefits to the satisfaction of scientists may be difficult, however. At the Norwich laboratories of the IFR

and at the John Innes Centre, studies have been done on Brussels sprouts and broccoli. Sprouts contain a chemical called sinigrin, which Dr lan Johnson, of IFR, has shown can suppress the growth of precancerous cells. The breakdown product of sinigrin, allyl isothjocyanate, responsible for the characteristic sprouty smell, is the active ingredient, and it works by persuading the precancerous cells to commit suicide. So powerful is the effect. Dr Johnson told New Scientist. that he believes even an occasional meal containing sprouts could destroy these cells in the colon.

THE RANGE of plant chemicals with identifiable effects is enormous. The cruciferous vegetables - broccoli, Brussels sprouts. cabbage, cauliflower, turnips, kale and kohlrabi - contain isothiocyanates and indoles, both of which have anti-cancer properties. The research at the IFR, says Dr Gary Williamson, involves breeding broccoli with higher levels of the isothiocyanate called sul-

phoraphane. "The levels are low in commercial broccoli," he says. "Brussels sprouts have more of this chemical but they are not as popular."

He hopes to begin taste-testing the newly bred broccoli in the summer. The taste will be crucial, because if the extra levels of sulphoraphane have made the broccoli unpalatable, nobody is likely to want it however much good it does them.

The wide range of phytochemicals, combined with uncertainty about how they achieve their effects, is likely to leave rmers bewildered. It is not clear, for example, whether individual phytochemicals are effective on their own or whether they work only in concert with other phytochemicals. Dr Wilkinson points to the attempts to prove the effects of betacarotene, a vitamin precursor found in carrots and green vegetables, as an example of how the reductionist approach may fail. Taken in the form of tablets, beta-carotene has failed in two trials to produce the health benefits so confidently predicted.

This means that phytochemicals may never aspire to the same standard of proof as drugs, which are rigorously lested in double-blind trials. Dr Wilkinson is unworried by this: "I'm a scientist. but I'm an open-minded scientist," he says, "I don't see the double-blind trial as the be-all and end-all."

With a health service increasingly looking towards evidence-based medicine, however, it is possible that phytochemicals will find it difficult to get established.

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America is up by 32 per cent.) Sears believes that foud is not just petrol for the human machine. It also controls our hormone levels. - or, more often, throws them out of

The solution is apparently to eat always in the Zone". Certain "good" carbohydrates, fats and proteins, the theory goes, when ingested in the right proportions, can boost production of human growth hormone and moderate that of insulin, which Sears says is the main culprit in triggering the creation of body fat.

favourable" eating can help protect you against heart disease, cancer and Aids: can stretch your life-span towards the maximum of 115 years; can enhance something called "emotional performance": and can put you permanently into the zone (that word again) of euphoria-heightened physical achievement hitherto known only to athletes at their peak.

Such claims are misleading. say mainstream nutritionists. Based on theories, not lab tests, Sears's work flooks scientific but wouldn't pass muster within the discipline of clinical nutrition", says Wayne Callaway, who has helped to draw up dietary guidelines for the US government.

attacked Sears's ideas on a food-hormone link, "No diet is going to control hormones the way he claims," says Ellen Coleman, a writer on nutrition. "He's creating false hope for people trying to lose

Maybe, but he seems to have worked wonders with athletes. In the build-up to the 1992 Olympics, he was invited to work with Stanford University's swimming team. He put them in the Zone and they won eight Olympic gold medals

you feed them loss and loss of low-fat grain." And after a decade of emphasis by public health officials on the supposed merits of "high-density" carbohydrates, onesity in

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protein. Your "carbs" should have a low glycaemic index. meaning they break down slowly into simple sugars. Pitta bread is good, says Sears; pasta bad. Your fat should be mono-unsaturated, like olive oil, not polyunsaturated, like deep-frying grease. And your protein can come from almost anywhere, including red meat. A mantra repeated reverently by zoners is "40:30:30". To get the mixture right, the faithful work out their fat-tolean-body-mass ratio to find out how much food they need each day. Then they divide this into "macronutrient blocks" (each divided 40:30:30), and

the blocks into three main meals and two snacks. A two-block breakfast might consist of a bowl of porridge with low-fat milk, grated almonds and a piece of lean back bacon. Lunch could be a chicken salad sandwich in pitta bread, with an orange (two more blocks). Dinner: a slice or two of lean roast beef with steamed beans, a grilled tomato topped with parmesan,

a large green salad with French dressing (three blocks). For snacks. Zone-favourable Biozone bars will do nicely.

DIY enthusiasts will need patience and a clear head to plan their Zone diet. Alternatively. Todd Tramp's offers a £375. 12-week course complete with a personal trainer.

Dr John Kowalczyk, a busy urologist, is almost there. He used to breakfast on coffee and doughnuts and had a spare tyre to show for it. Three months into zoning, he looks great. He probably could have achieved the same result by eating less and exercising more, but what fun would that have been outside the Zone?

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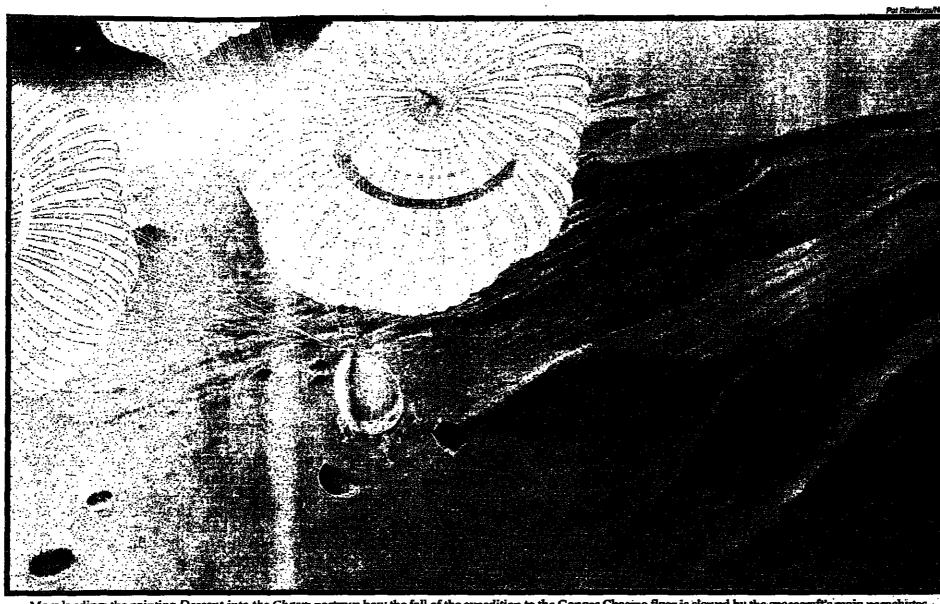
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Giles Whittell on Nasa's plans to send astronauts to Mars and Nigel Hawkes on dangers to interplanetary voyagers



Mars landing: the painting Descent into the Chasm portrays how the fall of the expedition to the Ganges Chasma floor is slowed by the spacecraft's main parachutes

Next stop, the Red Planet

interplanetary guinea-pigs willing to go without fresh air. gravity and probably sex for three years. Must be fit and unflappable, with at least a master's degree in engineering or applied science. Successful applicants will be in close proximity to nuclear power plants for long periods and must remain calm while hurtling through space at 27,000mph. Years of medical testine and media exposure will be inevitable should you survive.

Not yet. But sooner than you might think. As a new wave of unmanned American probes heads for Mars. and an ill-starred Russian one sits at the bottom of the Pacific, Nasa's chief. Daniel Goldin, has said he has no fixed plans yet for sending people after them. But this does not mean no such plans exist. They do, and they are extraordinarily detailed.

Since claiming to have found traces of Martian life in an asteroid, Nasa has made available an engrossing 33page booklet, Human Mars Exploration, that makes getting there sound safer than choosing a nanny. There are only two problems, according to Donna Shirley, of the space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. "It's a three-year round trip, no matter how you slice it," she says. And it's expensive.
When President Bush declared that

America should aim to put people on

Mars by the year 2019, Nasa said it return module would head for Mars in a two-storey cylinder not much would cost a staggering \$400 billion (£206 billion). President Clinton has so far stopped short of repeating the challenge, since such sums were not to be talked of in an election year. His tacit message to scientists has been: come up with something

They have. In the name of valuefor-money. Nasa has all but abandoned the notion of a "plant-the-flag" trip designed simply to get to Mars and back as fast as possible. The latest plan, honed for public consumption by David Weaver and Michael Duke, of Houston's Johnson Space Centre, puts astronauts on the Red Planet for a daunting 30-month stint of roving, mining and refuelling, plenty of time to hunt for Martian life-forms.

The plan is based around one costcutting idea: make most of the fuel for the return journey on Mars. Scientists agree that the principle of using liquid hydrogen brought from Earth to extract methane and liquid oxygen from carbon dioxide in Mars's atmosphere is simple enough. Based on the so-called Sabatier process, it follows straightforward chemical equations and would have water as its only by-product.

The mission would unfold as follows: blasting off on top of a conventional Delta rocket in September 2007, the astronauts' empty and park in orbit above the distant planet one year and 450 million miles later. (As the Apollo programme proved, a single burn of a booster is enough to keep a capsule coasting along almost indefinitely at seven to eight miles a second. In this case 'nuclear thermal" engines would be used to escape Earth's orbit, then jettisoned on a course that would not encounter Earth or Mars for at least 10 million years - or so we are

losely following the outbound return module in the autumn of 2007 would be two more unmanned cargo vehicles, both designed to slow down in Mars's orbit and release landing craft into Ganges Chasma, a deep canyon near the planet's equator. Once there, one cargo pod would deploy a nuclear-powered chemical plant to spend the next two years creating the 30 cubic metres of rocket fuel necessary to return a crew to-Mars's orbit. The other, a "surface habitat/laboratory", would sit and

wait for human beings. In late 2009, three more payloads head for Mars. The first two are identical to the first 2007 launches, providing back-up in the event of mishaps and extra resources for future missions. The last contains six astronauts, cooped up for six months bigger than a removal van

In an exquisite understatement the Weaver/Duke plan admits that "in the transits to Mars, the chief problems will be concerned with maintaining interpersonal relationships needed for crew productivity ... Mental health as well as physical

health will be crucial." Nobody knows for certain how to stop astronauts going stir-crazy on their way to Mars. They may have to rely on CD-Roms and Sony Walkmans, Sanity permitting, they will skid into an elliptical Martian

orbit in mid-2010, using the planer's outer atmosphere as an "aerobrake". Parachutes and retro-rockets lower them gently into Ganges Chasma next to the habitat put there two years earlier. Joined by an airlock, these two pods form the crew's base for the next 500 days - roughly a Martian

What happens next depends on what our emissaries find, but Nasa's graphics department makes it look like a space-suited Outward Bound adventure. Long-range rovers let the crew stray up to 500km from base in their hunt for useful resources and signs of life beneath the planet's frigid crust. They could even abseil down the east face of Olympus Mons, a volcano the size of Arizona thought to contain answers to some of the mysteries of Martian geology.

in October, 2011, they head for home. Leaving behind an intact base. a tiny rocket-powered ascent vehicle docks with the larger return module which by this time has been in orbit round Mars for nearly four years. Six months later the astronauts re-enter Earth's atmosphere much as their lunar predecessors did, and just too late to wish their replacement crew a

f enough work were farmed out to private contractors, putting a base on Mars along these lines could cost a mere £18 billion. according to Robert Zubrin, author of the recently published The Case for Mars. Perhaps most remarkably, the is many times higher than technology for the entire scheme already exists. As Donna Shirley workers, never mind ordinary says, there is no elusive members of the public, but Dr 'unobtainium".

To keep his scientists' feet on the round, Daniel Goldin has posted on Nasa's Internet Website some stern prerequisites for a manned Mars mission, including completion of the international space station and the little matter of a global economic upswing. But there is no doubting where the next Neil Armstrong's foot will land. Nasa's "core mission", Congress stated as recently as 1993, is, and depends upon, the extension of human presence beyond Planet Earth". No one ever gave Columbus such encouragement

The hazards of travel from Earth to Mars

dangers that Nasa has yet to take fully into account. according to an expert group from the US National Research Council

The long journey will expose them to high radiation doses from cosmic rays, which could cause cancer, cataracts, sterility and brain damage, the council says in its report. Unless ctionts to assess the

dangers of exposure to cosmic rays are stepped up, it will be at least 20 years before adequate data is available. The result will be that Nasa will have to err on the side of

caution, surrounding the Martian mission with large amounts of material to absorb the radiation, most likely lithium hy-dride. That could cost of the mission.

Nasa, concludes. Such extra costs could easily torpe-do the entire mission, according to Richard

the NRC report,

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who chaired the NRC committee which prepared the report. When I first saw those figures I was horrified," he told New Scientist Cosmic radiation has al-

ways been recognised as a hazard of space travel, but previous missions have been too short for it to have had significant effects. A manned probe to Mars would take several years, so the risks have to be taken seriously. They may turn out to be exaggerat ed, the NRC panel says, but until the research is done no

Robert Zubrin, an enthusiast for Mars exploration, estimates that cosmic ray doses for the Mars round-trip would be of the order of 50 rem. This that permitted for radiation Zubrin argues that it is a

of space travel. For example, he says, a transatlantic airline pilot could expect over a 25year career to be exposed to about half the dose experienced by an astronaut on a two-and-a-half year mission

to Mars. Nasa is doing research on the subject, but too slowly, the NRC report says. To gather the data involves using a particle accelerator to expos animals to the same kind of high-energy particles that the astronauts will experience in

The panel suggests that animals will have to be exposed to the particles for about 3,000 hours, simulating

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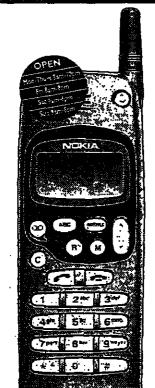
Dr Frank Sulzman, acting deputy director of Nasa's life sciences division, says that tight budgets may make it difficult to find the money for the cosmic ray safety experiments. Doing more in one area probably means doing less in another," he says.



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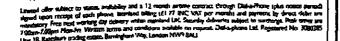
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that shrinks rather than expanding when it is heated is causing a stir in America. Dental companies are putting the bite on it as the ideal material for everlasting fillings, while the electronics industry wants to use it for circuit boards, and astronomers see it as a perfect material for telescope

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mirrors. Zirconium tungstate is a chemical oddball. While virtually every other material known expands when it is heated, it does exactly the opposite. Over a very large temperature range, from near absolute zero to 777 C, it goes on shrinking the hotter it becomes. While other materials, including water, may do this over small temperature ranges, zirconium tungstate is unique in doing it

over such a wide range. This strange behaviour was discovered last year by a team at Oregon State University in Corvallis led by Professor Arthur Sleight and Thomas Vogt

Black widow's

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Kevlar,

used in the manufacture of

bulletproof vests, an Ameri-

can scientist has discovered.

That makes it several times

stronger than the silk spun

by other spiders, according

to Dr Anne Moore of

Scripps College in Clare-

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BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

vibrate, and the greater the space they need to do it in. Zirconium tung-state is different. It consists of atoms of zirconium and tungsten linked through ox-

have studied the draglines of

common spiders, arguing that the lines from which the

creatures suspend them-

selves are likely to be the

strongest they make. Dr

Moore, by contrast, has studied the silk used by the

black widow to construct its

She discovered that there

are two distinct types of silk:

one can stretch by 25 per cent

before breaking, while the

other is even stronger, but

Now Dr Moore plans to

study silk from other parts of

the web and identify the

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is heated, these links tend to bend, like an arm bending at the elbow. The result is to bring the zirconium and tungsten atoms closer together, causing the material to

skrink_ The latest paper reports what happens to zirconium

tungstate under high pressure. The team found that its crystal structure tends to collarse, and the material loses much of its negative

quickly recovers it when heated, suggesting that it might be used in a compos-ite to serve as some kind of shock absorber. "A material with this type of behaviour might be able to absorb an explosive force and somewhat regain its shape." Pro-fessor Sleight says.

There are plenty of other potential applications. One is in dental fillings, which

tend to fall out as they become loosened by the cycle of heating and cooling from hot and cold foods. A new composite containing zirconium tungstate, which is non-toxic and could probably be made in tooth-like colours, might provide a perfect match with the expansion of natural teeth. Another application might

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MONDAY JANUAR

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> Pierce Brosnan on the dangers of being handsome — and how he relishes being a father again. Interview by Noreen Taylor

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his looks'

kind of clear adamantine shield surrounds Pierce Brosman. Exquisitely suited, hair perfectly groomed, handsome, mani-cured looks that used to belong to a species called matines idols, he appears as though he has just stepped out of a gift-wrapped box. Unreal and untouchable.

Then again, he is dressed for his role as 007 in the new Bond movie. "We're screen-testing new Bond girls today. A filthy job, but then someone

Between tests on the F-stage at Shepperton Studios, he relaxes in one of the trailers. Actually he doesn't relax. He's keyed up, watchful, carefully multing over each question before answering

"I ve been working my butt off since the last Bond movie," he says in an accent that it is still irish, though the vowels have been stretched through 15 years of living

Next week sees the release of his latest film The Mirror Has Two Faces, directed, by and starring Barbra

Streisand, along with self.

Bridges and Lauren Bacall II ... We are is a tale of relationships be tween two university lectaries SCICCII-one seeking contentment the other a passionate committee resting

Brosnan plays a role he is made for, as a strikingly world where wealth and looks increasingly appear to be the has bo do it only standard of excellence.

Yes, Barbra Streisand was think about it, a long way from great to work with. I'd heard the stories, that hitle house of my aunt's. I took my but all I can tell you is that she's a woman at the top of her game. She produced, directed and started in this film and while I could see how she pushed certain people's buttons, I got on fine with her. Sorry," he adds, "I know that's boring." For the past seven weeks he has known

what it is like to be Streisand, starring in The Nephew, a film produced by his own-company, Irish Dream Time. Thanks to James Bond, I'm now able to make my own films," he says proudly.

I rented a house in Dalkey outside Dublin, had all the family around me, and worked with this wonderful cast of Irish actors, Niall Tobin, Donal McCann and Sinead Cusack.

"Ireland is pulsating at the moment.
Film, music, theatre, all blossoming. The place is bustling, filled with international companies making things. You can feel it .. in the air.

"It's thanks in large part to Michael D. Higgins, the Minister of the Arts. who goes out everywhere banging the drum for Ireland, Now we can make films, tell our own history. I think the next Irish epic, now that we've tackled Collins, should be the Famine." Does he think of himself as an

proud to be so. My soul, my spirit are Irish. When I'm in Malibu, I get homesick and find myself longing for Irish hills and

Brosnan left the town of Navan at the age of ten, 33 years ago, to join his mother in London. "My parents separated, and my mother left for England to train as a marse. I was brought up by my grandparents, until they died, one after the other, then after that I went to an aunt and uncle Eventually, I joined my mother and steptather in London.

"My mother had gone to lay down the foundation for a better life for the two of us. I missed her desperately, but I'm glad she took that step. I'm very proud of her

It wasn't easy being the child of a broken marriage in Ireland during the Fifnes; you were different, talked about. Then going to England brought a different set of problems. I didn't integrate too well either: my Irish brogue made me stand out among the boys of south London.

"So I learnt to fight, to look after myself. Then I learnt how to make them laugh. Not that I' mind being the outsider. It's not a bad place to be if you want to learn and observe. And I did. I wanted to act, practically from the time I saw my first film. Films were my work - a most fortunateposition to be in. It's been a long journey for me when I

children to see it last month, and as I stood there in the bedroom I once shared with lodgers. I thought what a long way I'd come. Here I am, back in Ireland making my own film, and working with these great theatrical names. I thought: Yes, it's been a long journey, a staggering one, but I'm a very fortunate man to have made

n October 1994, his wife, the actress Cassandra Harris, died of ovarian cancer. They had been married for . 17 years and he had nursed her for four. She left behind three children: two from her relationship with Richard Harris's brother, Dermot - Charlotte, now 23, and Christopher, 22 - and their

own son, Sean, now ten.
They lost their mother," he says. "And they will feel that loss forever. Although they have each other, and they are very supportive and loving, they are still young people who have lost their mother. "That filthy disgusting disease," he says with feeling, "If you've ever watched anyone die from it then you'll know what I

He says of Cassie: "She is someone who could never be replaced. Behind her she left me gifts of strength and a courage to "Oh, completely and utterly and very be a man. She bestowed qualities I



fearless. I can do anything, anything I'd tell myself, because I'm alive.

That's what she gave me, a value, an appreciation for life. She helped me to embrace what she had lost. Yes, I'm a changed man all right, a more compassionate one I hope. I still have my faith, I didn't turn away from Catholicism, if anything I leaned into it for comfort."

has a new life now with a new woman, Keely Shaye-Smith. a 30-year-old environshortly there will be a new baby on, too. "Secretly, I think I wanted to be a father again," he says. "I've enjoyed fatherhood. We've no plans to marry, though Keely's a terrific person, someone who's given me a domestic life again, who's brought me much contentment and happiness." Discussing his looks doesn't faze or

embarrass him. Obviously, he has grown to accept the sidelong glances, the interested female eyes.
"Sure, I'm aware of them. It would be

be dishonest to say I didn't know what you were talking about. It's a quality, something I have, that I respect I carry it lightly. Looks are just there and they're not to be abused.

"As an actor, sometimes they're useful. Then again, I've lost jobs through my looks. I desperately wanted to be in John Huston's last film, The Dead, and although he saw me for it, he thought my face too young . . . and too good-looking. "it's very dangerous for an actor to start

believing he can lean on his looks." Being the possessor of such heartstopping handsomeness must have smoothed certain obstacles - like attract-

I'm not sure handsome men impress women. Then again, maybe they've helped me to meet the right ones. Although I've had my pitfalls too you know, and my heart torn apart a couple of

Charming sentiments. But I sensed hiswords lacked a certain conviction.

No homeboys here, please

young Londoners are opting to live at home with their parents, in multigeneration households, says a new survey from the Henley Centre For Forecasting.

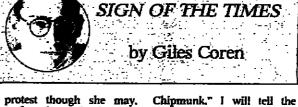
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I am fairly sure that this is trusted, and, to be honest, staying at home after you have left school simply is not the British way. It is the Italian way. In

Italy, you see, 95 per cent of men between 15 and 24 live at home with Mamma. Now things have reached a crisis point which, if the survey has any truth in it could soon be afflicting Britain, too.

When, towards the end of 1996, the mother of 24-year-old Luca Rosa got fed up with cooking his pasta and washing his string vests, she threw him out. And so Luca took her to court - he sued her for the right to be a Mamma's boy. "I demand to be a big hairy wuss," he told magistrates in Ferrara (in Italian, of course), and the they upheld his complaint, forcing Signora Rosa to take him back.

How did he put his case in court, I wonder. We know that he had been forced to stay with his grandmother in the interim. Perhaps the magistrates sympathised with his plea that Nonna's carbonara was a bit too cheesy, and that when she washed his pants they came out all scratchy. At any rate, Signora Rosa,



protest though she may, was forced to take her son back. And British mums could not understand it. What mockery of the do-

mestic cliché was this? Had they not got everything the wrong way round? Given half a chance, cried our English mothers, we would have our darlings forced, in a court of law, to stay home, never to marry and to wear their school caps even at weekends. We sons blanched at the precedent. Will II-year-old

boys soon be taking their mothers to court, demanding kisses on the cheek in front of all their friends when they are dropped at school? Will men in their forties have bailiffs dropping in on elderly mothers, forcing them to come out at all hours of the night to spit on handkerchiefs and wipe the chocolate ice-cream off

their sons' faces? My parents used to call me Glop. And even Pigaloon. They do not do it any more. because I have pubic hair and my own accountant. Perhaps writ can be served. 1 demand to be called Splodgkin, Piddle Pants,

peas unless Daddy pretends that they are spaceships going into the big black hole." In Italy, do sons desperately hope their mothers will buy them brown cardigans for Christmas? And if they do receive a black silk Donna Karan shirt, do they take it back to the store, pretending it

was the wrong size, and buy a

courts, "and I won't eat my

yellow polyester tank top? Rosa's attempt to throw out her son signalled a revolution of the parents against the malingering kids

est spod is gone by 23. And then, at last, they will reach that apogee of familial sophistication which will allow them to dub Ronnie Corbett's immortal sit-com. Sorry. into Italian. That achieved, the Rosas

who refuse to fly the nest. Italian parents, it seems, are

on the point of taking arms to

scythe their dependent bam-

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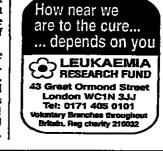
Western culture like our own.

where the coolest cats hit the

road at 16, and even the spotti-

bini from the apron strings.

mother and son, will be able to settle down in front of the telly, on a rare night together. sight of a crooked pensioner bellowing "Language, Timo-thy!" to a 42-year-old man. And then Luca will totter up the wooden stairs to Bedfordshire, and wait for Mamma to tuck him in. It could never happen here.



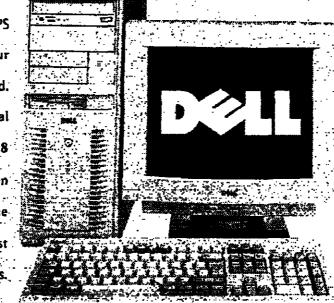


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The best essay I have ever read is My First Acquaint-ance with Poets by Hazlitt. I thought so at 16. I have thought so periodically ever since — most recently last Boxing Day. Bacon may be a ground-breaker and the more perfect, Orwell, the latest great British essayist on whom we can have a proper purchase, is the more pertinent. But William Hazlitt tops them all for passion.

power and recklessness.
In this essay alone he tells the story of several key encounters in his life — principally his first meetings with the poets Coleridge and Wordsworth. He describes with devoted clarity a father, a dissenting minister, marooned in the country, entombed in the study of "The Commentators - huge folios, not easily got through, one of which would outlast a winter"; he brings to life the conversation of Coloridge, our most philosophical poet; he leads us into a foreign society of week-long walks by young new male friends with talk

My first acquaintance with Hazlitt

corner on metaphysics; tells us how from "a deep sleep" he came to an ability to articulate "my admiration to others in motley imagery and quaint allusion"; delivers a fusillade of said allu-sions (which intoxicated me as an adolescent and stuffed my style till it burst like an overdone sausage): reveals both the depths of a young failure - "I was at that time dumb, inarticulate, helpless, like a worm by the wayside, crushed, bleeding, lifeless" — and the great awakening by the poet: "the light of his genius shone into my soul like the sun's rays glittering in the puddles of the road". He twists and turns from ecstasy to unter bleakness of autobiography, and the whole essay flows together in a cataract of clear speaking prose.

He is wrong, too, now and then. which is always comforting in a hero. He describes the face of

Coleridge in detail and ends with the words "but his nose, the rudder of the face, the index of the will, was small, feeble, nothing - like what he has done". This was to underestimate Coleridge's extant poetry and, more pardonably, to ignore the riches which would later be discovered among what seemed a waste of talent but was a prodigality so vast that it blinded the age it addressed.

Hazlitt for me was like Coleridge for Hazlitt. And the exhilaration he expresses for and the gratitude he gives to Coleridge I

have for years given to Hazlit.

In one particular instance I made an attempt to repay the debt. Having read his essays on jug-gling as well as Poussin. on boxing as well as Shakespeare, I thought I knew a rounded man who did not cut his subject out of a false sense of intellectual dignity. Twenty



years on from the first reading of Hazlitt I came across Liber This was a fictional account of a frenzy of love experienced by a middle-aged Hazlitt when he became obsessed by a

young serving girl. A frenzy which led him to divorce, to alienate his son, to distress his friends and the serving strends are serving strends and the serving strends and the serving strends are serving strends are serving strends and the serving strends are serving strend delight his enemies. "I am in some sense proud that I can feel this dreadful passion," he wrote. "It makes me a kind of peer in the kingdom of love." The girl would not have him and at the time a friend declared that he was "substantially insane". Even this he turned into writing. "The passions intercept and warp the natural progress of life," he wrote. "They paralyse all that is not devoted to

their tyranny and caprice."

I was shocked to read this, about a writer I thought I knew so well. I wrote a novel, A Time To Dance, taking the central notion from Liber Amoris paying, as I hoped, a tribute to Hazlitt by introducing a lecture about him inside the book. After finishing my novel I realised that far from being an exception in

and undoubtedly some will survive. There are still rapturous encounters between young disciples and masters, though it seems to me that it happens more often now in films and music than in literature. And there are still writers prepared to hurl their lives into the essay form often thought of as antique, but one which still rides high in the broadsheets and

magazines. None, though, I think, brings so much to bear with the welter of knowledge, the detailed enthusi-asm and the exposure of a blighted desperate self as the dissenting minister's son who got up before daylight one bitterly cold January morning 199 years ago to walk the ten miles to Shrewsbury to hear a

UNDERSTANDABLE gice has been expressed across the country at the news that we are reading more Moreover, there is the satisfying subtent that this is one in the eye for the philistine television and a biff in the solar plexus for the new monster face replacing it.

The news is indeed welcome but is it so very surprising? We have known for ages that television, if anything, encourages book-buying in this country. We know that many more people are in university advertises and things. sity education and therefore a larger proportion of the population will develop bookish appetites. Add to that early retirement and the first society in which unprecedented numbers are thinking about cultivating their leisure as variously as possible, and the ground is laid.

What kept people back from reading in the good old days was lack of education, tack of opportunity, and exhaustion. A good deal of that is gone. Books could be the 21st century's hot stock.

CINEMA: Once again the British are tipped for top Oscar honours, led by Mike Leigh's Secrets and Lies. Matt Wolf on the contenders

Hollywood, here we come

he British presence in America's annual film honours is a reassuring fact, but even in comparison with recent years. Britain's cachet at the moment puts us a league apart. With Oscar nominations still five weeks away, home-grown talent looks set to feature in virtually every category when the prizes are handed out at the end of

Not for the first time, Britain is benefiting from a growing feeling that if you want quali-

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ty, you've got to go British, since too much native Hollywood talent is content to shoot itself in the foot pack, anyone?). How else to explain the critical and commercial failures in America of such anticipated films as Surviving Picasso, one of the few Merchant-Ivory projects unlikely to be feted come Oscar time; That Thing You Do!, the debut directing effort of two-time Oscar-winner Tom

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decent, but hardly spectacular, business (it opens in Britain on

Instead, the trade papers are busy trumpeting such unfa-miliar — at least in Hollywood names as Mike Leigh for best director for Secrets and Lies, as well as the same film's Brenda Blethyn, and Emily Watson from Breaking the Waves, as best actress,

Could Leigh possibly step up to a podium occupied last year by Mel Gibson, the quintessential Hollywood player? Might Blethyn snare he nomination earmarked for perennial nominee Meryl Streep, who is under consideration this year for Marvin's Room, an art-house film costarring Diane Keaton? Stranger things have happened. Secrets and Lies swept the prizes at the recent Los Angeles Film Critics Awards ceremony, and at a time when studio films are getting ever more bloated, an independently financed underdog may carry unusual clout.

Leigh isn't the only Hollywood anomaly finding favour across the Atlantic. Paul Scofield won an Oscar in 1966 for A Man For All Seasons. only to follow it up with such little-seen esoterica as A Delicate Balance and 1919. in recent years, though, the 74year-old actor has enjoyed a screen comeback with supporting performances in Quiz Show and now The Crucible, and Hollywood likes nothing better than an old-timer it can rediscover. (American veterans trading on the same phenomenon include Lauren

Bacall and Debbie Reynolds.) Scofield's Crucible director, the British opera and theatre director Nicholas Hytner, has the full studio support of Twentieth Century Fox for what is only his second film, and both Hytner and the film's star, Daniel Day-Lewis, would be almost certain Oscar hopefuls if that film - like many others - had not been at least partly eclipsed by yet another year-end release packed with British talent. The English Patient.

ith seven nominations, Anthony Minghella's adaptation of the Michael Ondaatie novel leads the field for the forthcoming Golden Globes, to be awarded in Los Angeles on January 19. And though Scott Hicks's Australian hit Shine is hot on its heels. The English Patient may be just the answer for an Academy electorate for whom Secrets and Lies are too mar-



Could Secrets and Lies, which swept the prizes at the recent Los Angeles Film Critics Awards ceremony, win an Oscar for British director Mike Leigh?

ginal (and, in the case of Lars von Trier's film, too weird). In a stronger year. The English Patient would be a dark horse up against the Hollywood blockbuster of the moment. But at a Gump-less time, the combined glamour of Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas might well prevail, and Minghella's exotic loca-

tions won't hurt. As for Kenneth Branagh's four-hour Hamlet, it is too early to predict the film's commercial fate, but if the Golden Globes are any indication, Branagh's acting-directing effort looks unlikely to repeat the Oscar success of Laurence Olivier's 1948 forebear: despite opening amid

much fanfare on Christmas Day, the Branagh Hamlet has been shortlisted for no awards to date.

In terms of competition. Branagh is the first to acknowledge what he is up against. Secrets and Lies, he told me in November. is almost Greek in its impact. It appears to be a small film, but its impact is massive".

Referring to the end-of-year derby that finds selective Britons emerging from a pack of some 30 major films, Hytner says: "It's nuts: I never want to have a movie released at this time again." Although Hytner could be spending these weeks biting his nails by a pool in Los Angeles, he has instead returned to the National Theatre for the first time since 1992 to direct Martin McDonagh's The Cripple of Inishmaan,

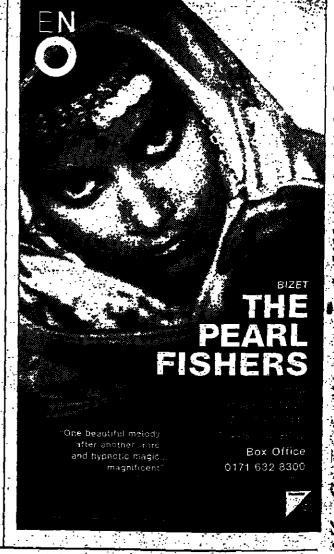
which opens tomorrow night. "I have to say, one of the attractions of doing this play was that I knew I would be here when The Crucible opened," he says. "I wouldn't have to worry about grosses and critics and phone calls and all that. I know that if I were in LA, there would be nothing else to talk about."

inghella, in turn, speaks of "an expectation so high that it's not a good place to begin. The terrible thing is, I hope people aren't disappointed if The English Patient doesn't win 20 Academy Awards: So many films now open at the end of the year, you just want yours

to have a chance." Regardless of what prizes these films ultimately do or don't win, none of their creators is likely to cross the Atlantic for good. Despite having a home in Greenwich Village in Manhattan, Hytner is retaining his north London base - "I can't wait to work here again, and I'm always going to do theatre here" - and Minghella's Hampstead

house is not far away.

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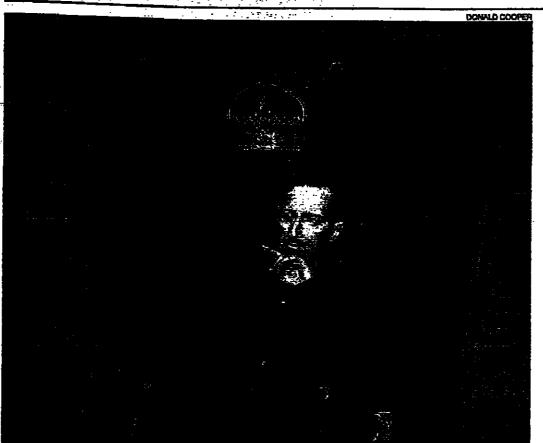
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"Lepage's Hamlet is always diverting, often gripping and comes with an abundance of technology"

Missing the point

hakespeare's Bottom was cast as Pyramus, but wanted to play Thisbe, the Lion and the Prologue as well. Luckily, he had a firm producer in Peter: Quince, who put a stop to his escalating megalomania. Robert Lepage, however, contrives to be Hamlet, Claudius, Gertrude, Polonius, Ophelia, Horatio, the Ghost, Laertes, Osric and even a silently toiling gravedigger in the touring production that is now visiting the National And there is nobody to

check him, for he is adapter and director of Elsinore as well as its solo performer. Lepage's potted Hamlet is always diverting, often gripping, and comes with an abundance of tech-

that the most important paradox in Hamlet's character is a mistrust of the very passion that will enable: him to "do what he has to do.". But I dely you to see this, or indeed any but the top half of Lepage's Ophelia other distinct interpretation of the in Elizabethan drag? At yet another original Prince or the original play, amid the computerised contortions of Carl Fillion's sci-fi Elsinore.

On Saturday the mechanics displayed no hint of the gremlins that nobbled the production at the last Edinburgh Festival. Towering screens swing together and, with photos of heavy grey bricks played mon them, become the massive walls of Elsinore. Behind these a

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central panel rises and falls, tilts and even seems to somersault. Often a rectangular slot appears at its centre, allowing Lepage to play some of the same visual tricks he did in his version of Coriolanus three years ago.

At one point you peer through a six suscended by projections of nology not available in Shake six surrounded by projections of speare's London, let alone Romans antique books to see the head of Athens. But this is a problem as Lepages Polonius babbling away well as a strength. In the property at the projections of Hamlet as he stands gramme, the Canadian areas and the projection of the projection of the projection of spearer's Lepages. Polonius babbling away well as a strength. In the projections of Hamlet as he stands gramme, the Canadian areas are spearer as a strength of the projection of spearer's Lepages. words, words". At another the slowly descending panel engulfs Lepage's Hamlet — and who should emerge from the aperture the panel sprouts a table that rapidly spins to give the impression that Lepage's Claudius is talking to Lepage's insolently lolling Hamlet. You certainly get the chance to look at Elsinore from odd, interesting angles. Whether you get a similarly

> another matter. Though Lepage takes a familiar-

revealing purchase on Hamlet is

his 100-minute condensation is skilfully done. But the quality of his acting is variable. Sometimes his diction is lucid, sometimes a bit scrambled. He also has a maddening mannerism, which is to signal strong emotion by shouting the last words of sentences. Thus: "Now could I drink HOT BLOOD", "You have my father much OF-FENDED", Thou find st that to be too busy is some DANGER." I am not sure he is yet ready to play the Prince in a Hamlet in which other

actors appear. Still, the virtuoso effects provide their own compensation. The murder of Polonius, in which a seethrough tapestry lets you watch the swelling silhouette of Hamlet from the old man's point of view, is a particular success. Lepage's Claudius, perched in dark glasses on a floating throne and speaking with an electronic echo built into his voice, is a menacing presence. The final scene comes perilously close to burlesque, what with kings and queens and duellists popping out from behind a square pillar successively plastered with projections of their dead faces; but Lepage keeps

Was it all worth the effort? Bardophiles may well wonder, but loyal Lepagophages can reasonably ask some counter-questions. Who else is bringing such imaginative chutzpah to his work? Who else would so boldly use the tools of the future in order to pay homage to ity with Shakespeare for granted, the past? Nobody I know.

Josephine the great IF PHYLLIDA Lloyd's production of Gloriana has been one of the

brightest jewels in Opera North's crown in recent years, then the current revival confirms Josephine Barstow's assumption of the central role as one of the greatest in the work's near halfcentury history. When the huge rear doors first swing open to reveal the Queen's

borne aloft, it is difficult to miell the thought that this role belongs to Barstow. In her bearing, her physiog-nomy, and later both her singing

and speaking voices, she incontrovertibly *is* Gloriana. Barstow returns to the role three years on with undimmed splendour. Whether flaunting her regality in the public court scenes, displaying her more womanly emotions in response to Essex's lute song, or attracting sympathy in the latter stages as the hunched. balding figure in her private chamber, she rivets the attention. This is a tour de force of theatricality - aided by Lloyd's immensely perceptive and resourceful staging — as much as of vocalisation, although Barstow is never less than magnificent in that department too. Commanding and precise her tone and diction are as regal as her demeanour; even when stripped of her regalia, you know this is no ordinary woman whose chamber

has been hurst into. Thomas Randle plays Essex unconventionally: not as a typical

nothead Interpretation makes sense, giving dramatic credence to Essex's fall from favour, and Randle complements his ardent singing - his "Oueen of my Life" salutation is a radiant effusion with a suitably dynamic, indeed gymnastic approach to the physical aspect of the role.

New to the production are Ruth Peel's sympathetic Gloriana Frances, Countess of Essex, and Grand, Leeds Susannah Glan-

ville's equally admirable Penelo-pe, Lady Rich. Their contrasting pleas for clemency on behalf of the condemned Essex - the sorrowing mother's concern for her children on the one hand, the defiant courtier on the other - are particularly well characterised. Michael John Pearson is the strong new Blind Ballad Singer and Richard Whitehouse, Essex's follower, Henry Cuffe. Karl

Daymond returns as Lord Mountjoy and Clive Bayley and

Eric Roberts repeat their Raleigh

and Cecil. James Holmes, Opera North's head of music, conducts with vigour and a good sense of theatre. As the people acclaim their monarch with outstretched arms in the first act the chorus, orchestra and on-stage trumpeters together create an impressive sound. When the Queen finally signs Essex's death warrant, stage and pit again work together to catch the drama of the moment. Not everything is on this exalt-



'Undimmed splendour": Josephine Barstow rules as Gloriana

ed level, however. The tuning of the widely spaced orchestral chords towards the end of the Norwich scene was wretched, and poorly co-ordinated playing let down the action more than once. This remains a fine collabora-

tive enterprise nonetheless. From the skilfully executed choreogra-

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to enjoy. Melanie

phy (Kate Flatt) of the massed ball and homage scenes, to the meticulously lit (Rick Fisher), psychologically plausible private encounters. the production is a first-rate achievement. With Barstow at the centre it touches greatness.

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A tale without a powerful hero

IT IS brave of Travelling Opera to feature Don Giovanni as one of the three works in its winterspring season. Not only is Mozart's dramma giocoso one of the most performed operas in the repertory, making comparisons unavoidable, it is also one of the most difficult: any performance less than brilliantly sung and tightly staged can seem dull indeed. Happily, there is much to enjoy in this modest show - due to tour to parts that other opera companies don't easily reach -but on opening night at the Barbican it was hard not to feel a sense of routine, a lack of dramat-

This was a Don Giovanni without a powerful protago-

nist. It could be argued that this dark piece is less about the narcissistic libertine himself than the characters he affects, but only the man's magnetism, his power over women and his servant, could have landed him in the predicaments that Mozart and Da Ponte show us. Even though a peculiar note in the programme, itself a minefield of misprints, describes him as "a somewhat vague character", there is absolutely no justification for somewhat vague singing. James Meek, alas, provided just that.

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Claire Young's simple, all-black set: Giles Block's production is, if nothing else, fluent.

The orchestral playing supplies special, unexpected pleasure. Richard Balcombe's reduction of the score, one player to a part. brings a chamber-like quality to the music with only the big dramatic contrasts lacking. The band, all equals here, give a crisp and stylish performance under the light baton of David Gibson, whose considerate support of the singers ensures easy-flowing en-

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y map of Kergue-len has arrived, and I am more delighted than I can say. Measuring oft by 5ft and composed of three separate charts integrated into one, it has been assembled by my brother Roger. The charts, ordered from a geographi-cal institute in Paris, took months to come. Roger has mounted them with care and precision on a wooden backing, faced with 60mm glass and framed in oak ~ so the thing weighs more than a man. On the wall of my flat in London the weight is taken by a horizontal baton screwed into the brick. This map, every detail, transfixes me. I go up close to study an isthmus. a marsh or a snowfield then stand back and stare in blank wonder at the whole island. I am under its spell.

I always have been. Did you ever, as a child, pore over those great world atlases, in Mercator's pro-jection, with Baffin Island very big and all the British bits in red? I spent a boyhood doing so. What fascinated me were places that looked remote.

Chief among these was an archipelago of islands which Modern (my Britannica said) were the Ferdinands land most remote and from any conti-nent in the world. Isabellas, The archipelago lies in the south please get Indian Ocean, in touch. more than 2,000 I await miles east-southeast of the Cape your call

of Good Hope. and even further west-south-west of Western Australia. More than 1,000 miles north of Antarctica, Kerguelen is more than 4,000 miles south of India. Situated at 40 deg South (England is about the same latitude in the north) the France. It is the main island that is called Kerguelen, or Desolation Island. What intrigued me as a child was how big Kerguelen is. Some 90 miles from tip to tip, a 2,800 square mile spidery tangle of fiords and peninsulas. It seemed mysterious that a substantial island at an apparently temperate lantude was never mentioned in geography lessons. No teacher could tell me about it. Few even recognised the name. So the place took on a tremendous allure: a secret island that I could almost discover. At its other name. "Desolation", my eyes widened. The idea grew - fanciful of course that someone was trying to hide the existence of this

place. I felt drawn there. Childish researches established that Kerguelen was first sighted in 1772 by Joseph de Kerguelen Tremarec, a Breton noble. Captain Cook visited in the Challenger four years later and explored. Later came sealing and whaling stations, now abandoned, along with ships' cats, which have reputedly gone feral and tiptoe through the snow, stalking birds. A group of French scientists apparently

inhabits the main settle ment, Port au France. But I cannot establish that any human being has ever been born on Kerguelen. The climate is not, it turns out, temperate. The winters are bitter, the summers cool. The islands are the windiest place in the world. The gale almost never abates, buffeting Kerguelen in perpetual violent squalls. Of trees. only fossils remain; the native Kerguelen cabbage has been ravaged by rabbits (introduced); the islands are so windy that insects have lost their wings and plants have evolved to pollenate by

Mountains rise to some 6,000 ft. And (speculates an encyclopaedia) there may be hot springs and volcanoes. The archipelago is cut by fantastic fiords. "The scenery is generally magnificent elaciers descend east and west to the sea. The whole island abounds in

I doubt whether there is any way of reaching Kerguelen by air. It seems one or two ships anchor there, but never stay. So one might

freshwater lakes and pools.

Hidden deep mudholes are

have to go for six months or more. I long to. But first I must find out more. Joseph Kerguelen him-self described the island, and Captain Cook has an account, which I have yet to find, in his narrative of the Challenger voyage. Another

account was written in 1893, in French, and a friend in France has sent me a modern French journal which I am struggling to read. Somewhat introspective, with imaginative interludes much in the French manner, it nevertheless ful information.

Everyone should make a new year's resolution. Mine is to start making serious plans to reach Kerguelen. One way would be to get together a properly funded expedition, which would have to be photographic. I cannot see anyone being so interested in printing or screening an account of the islands, however, as to stump up the money. An alternative would be to hang around in Mauritius for a year or so until someone else was setting

sail there. Time-consuming. I am also worried about frostbite. Even in Derbyshire I suffer dreadfully from frozen fingers, feet and ears; what will it be like in a 200 mph west wind? Such

speculations fill my mind. A letter last week on the page opposite was good enough to remind the Editor that columnists such as me pay for holidays by writing about them. Correspondent, I spit in your eye. Sneak. Modern-day Ferdinands and Isabellas, do get in touch. I await your call. Standing where I shall so often stand again this year. staring at my wonderful map of Kerguelen.

The Labour leader has been frank with his party, but is still evasive with the electorate

¬ony Blair will himself be one of the main issues of the general election, and rightly so. The Conservatives will be attacked for negative campaigning, and no doubt some of their criticisms will be personal and unfair. But the Blair issue is unavoidable. The election will decide whether "new Labour" is to be the next government of the country: new Labour is Tony Blair's creation. One can no more criticise new Labour without criticising Tony Blair than one can criticise Virgin Airways without criticising Richard

Branson. There have been eight Labour leaders since the war, all of whom served for a time as Leader of the Opposition. With the exception of Harold Wilson, their record in opposition was depressing. Wilson is the only Labour leader since 1950 to have won a general election. He won two elections as Leader of the Opposition, in 1964 and 1974. Yet he held the firm belief that the old Labour orthodoxies, however absurd, should be evaded rather than challenged. He left a Labour Party even more divided than he found it.

No Leader of the Opposition can be judged in history until he has fought an election, and Tony Blair has not yet won his. Nevertheless, he has done something that none of his seven predecessors achieved, and only Hugh Gaitskell even attempted. He has changed Labour from being a democratic socialist party to being a social democratic party. He has done that without splitting his party. though old Labour deeply resents the change, and he has established a personal control that none of his predecessors enjoyed. If he wins the election, even narrowly, that will confirm the judgment that Tony Blair is the strongest leader the Labour Party has had in opposition since

The question in people's minds is

Blair is remarkable, but not invincible

whether he would be anything like as good a Prime Minister as he has been a Leader of the Opposition. There is a worrying contrast between the dominance he has shown to his party and the deference he has shown to the electorate. All of his risks have been party risks; none of his risks have been electoral. He has not hesitated to tell his party unwelcome truths; he has not been equally frank with the voters. To his party he has spoken as a man who knows what is right and is deter-mined to push it through: to the country he has spoken as a man who reads opinion polls.

This has sometimes been only too obvious. Michael Howard is a right-wing and populist Home Secretary. with too simple a view of the treatment of crime and punishment. He enjoys less professional confidence, either among lawyers or in the penal and probationary services. than any Home Secretary since the war. He does, as a politician, enjoy some public support, because he is seen as tough on crime. He may even

sometimes be right.

A proper Opposition would scrutinise such a Home Secretary's measures very rigorously. The present Police Bill is in line with Michael Howard's hardline policies; it includes giving legal rights to the police to invade and spy on the privacy of the home, on the mere sayso of a chief constable. Nothing could be more unwelcome from the point of view of civil liberties, yet the Labour Party has accepted these illiberal proposals, presumably for fear of being outflanked by Mr Howard's toughness on crime.

The issues on which the election ought to be fought are the economy, particularly government expenditure and taxation, and Europe, particularly the single currency. The Labour Party policy is not clear on either; the Conservative Party is clearer on the economy, but is still ambiguous on Europe. When

William Rees-Mogg

one listens to Labour spokesmen, one hears the implicit message that the Government has been spending too little on health, education and welfare, and that Labour would spend more. In formal terms, Labour is quite skilful at avoiding specific commitments while arousing expectations of higher expenditure. At the same time, Labour appears to be promising not to raise taxes. These contradictory commitments may be technically reconciled in the small print, but they are still contradictory, and politicians should not behave like dubious hire-purchase com-

customer has not read.

Neither party has yet said whether it will recommend joining the European single currency in the next. Parliament if elected, though both have promised a referendum if they decide to do so. This makes democracy a farce. The Government's excuse is that its negotiating position: would be destroyed if it stated now that it did not intend to join during the next Parliament. That is quite untrue. The 14 other European countries all assume that Britain under a Conservative government would not join in the first round; that is fully discounted in the negotiations already. Labour's excuse is even feebler. It says that when the time comes, it will decide on the balance of now so close that the facts and arguments are already clear. The truth is that neither party is prepared to tell the electorate what its intentions are.

So Tony Blair's election position does have two large holes in it. The Labour Party is drawn up in banle array, rather like a go geous Austrian army facing Nanoleon. There are gaps in the centre of the line, which Napoleon's massed antillery would have blasted and the French cavalry would have poured through. Yet so far the Conservatives have not shown the Napoleonic spirit. There is a gaping hole in the

Tory line as well, and a confused scurrying of staff officers in the fog. The Cabinet cannot make up its mind about Europe, and therefore cannot exploit Labour's weakness on the European issue.

If the Conservatives do not press home their attack. Labour is going to win. Tony Blair's success in building a coalition of progressive opinion is almost breathtaking: He has even turned the consti-tutional issues which overexcite the intellectuals of Primrose Hill into an agency for mass recruitment. The Liberal Democrats have been lured into constitutional talks which make Tony Blair appear a better Liberal Democrat than Paddy Ashdown. He will not need a Lib-Lab pact if he manages to steal enough Liberal votes in the general election itself. He has not been foolish enough to concede proportional representation, which would have tied him to the Liberal Democrats forever.

Tony Blair's strategy is a ruthiess one. He has imposed tough discipline on his own party: If he wins the election, as prime minister he will have patronage with which to reintorce it. He has killed social-ism and replaced it with social economic advantage. The decision is democrate at has covered his most vulnesable areas with a screen of calculated ambiguity. He has lured many blessi Democrats and centrist. Consecutives into his camp. He has fulfilled this strategy almost on his own; no one else could have done it.

Yet the strategy is vulnerable. In the beginning. Tony Blair's risk was that he would not be able to carry old Labour with him. But old Labour is yesterday's threat. Now the risk is that his two big ambiguities, expenditure and Europe, will be attacked successfully by the Tories. Fortunately for him, the Tories cannot make 'him say what he would do about the single currency unless they first say what they would do themselves.

Whose party will it be?

Chris Patten's next move will

say a lot about

the Tories, says

Peter Riddell

hris Patten is one of those rare politicians who continues to intrigue the political world even when he is several thousand miles away. When that I would be spending a few days in Hong Kong before Christmas, en route to a family holiday in Australia, they said: "You must find out what Chris is really intending to do when he comes back."

To both friends and enemies, Mr Patten is the Prince over the Water. His repeated protestations of being unsure whether he wants to return to the Commons are never taken at face value. His friends hope that he can be persuaded to stand at an early by-election in the next Parliament. His enemies fear a plot, involving John Major, to get Mr Patten back so he can obstruct their desire to push the party rightwards.

But like most conspiracy theories, this talk is mainly froth without substance. There was never any chance of Mr Patten resigning the governorship to stand at the general election. Now, he means what he says about waiting and seeing. He has plenty to do in the final six months of British rule, not least persuading the Government to fulfill its moral obligations by extending British citizenship to the few thousand in the non-Chinese ethnic minority. This has been opposed by the Home Office, though it is supported by Labour. After June 30, Mr Patten intends to take a long holiday, write a book about the lessons of Asian economic success, and find a new London home. So don't expect him to be addressing fringe meetings at the Conservative Party conference.



ful second career in the Commons. Lord Curzon a century ago, and Lord Halifax (as he became) in the 1920s as Viceroys of India, did not return to the Commons, but Roy Jenkins was one of the few to do so after being President of the European Commission the late 1970s. As David Gilmour describes in his superb biography, Curzon had a wretched time on his return from India, often falling into despair, and describing his life as a failure and a mockery. Even Halifax waited more than a year after leaving India - admittedly at his own choice — before taking a junior Cabinet post.
Lord Jenkins of Hillhead is the

only one to have returned to the Commons. And his high point was winning the Hillhead by-election in March 1982. He did not enjoy his subsequent five years in the Commons, obtaining more satisfaction from his Glasgow constituency. He is the only one of the seven former-MP British EU Commissioners (excluding the current two) to go back to the Commons. All but one of the others

But Lord Jenkins returned to the Commons in the special cir-cumstances of the launch of the SDP. He probably could not have become, and would not have wanted to become, a Labour MP again. His experience also shows the problems. Generations move on, and the Commons changes. The Conservative Party after the next election will be very different from the Conservative

being the Labour leader there.

Party Mr Patten knew five years ago Moreover, as Mr Patten has said. the Commons is not something to be considered casually, like dropping back into a club. It requires an unequivocal commitment, as well as

luck, since constituency parties now are not easily impressed by grand figures. The idea of a seat being reserved for Mr Patten is daft, though went to the Lords, Ivor Richard now a few senior MPs with an eye on the Lords have suggested as much. While the possibility of creating a vacancy in a seat like Chelsea was mooted after his defeat at Bath in 1992, it was quickly rejected by Mr Patien. The rumours before Sir Nicholas Scott's deselection that he was keeping the new Kensington and Cheisea seat

warm for Mr Patten were nonsense. The other option, also mooted for Mr Patten in 1992, is a place in the Lords. But few peers have real future of the Tories.

Halifax, Home or Carrington could be Fareign Secretary from the Lords are over. Occasionally a peer can have close as a behind the scenes farer, as Lord Whitelaw did in the mid 1980s, but attempts to find a new Willie have failed. Mr Patten, who will be 53 on his return, is young for such a role

. Il of this goes to show how narrow is the career structure of British politics. You Proper tree car safe either iti, committed to chinbing the ladder of promotion, or out. This results in a loss of people of p putalent and experience. Mr Patten would probably now be a better minister than before he lost his seat. He reckons that he would use his time better and be a better delegator. Moreover, whatever the arguments about his handling of China in 1992-93, Mr Patten has been right to seek to enshrine democratic rights in Hong Kong. The alternative was not a quiet handover, but the absurdity of Britain opposing protests by democratic activists.

Mr Patten still has much to contribute to public life. He retains an enthusiasm for political controversy. His views have changed over the past five years. He now stresses the need to limit the size of the State. This does not mean draconian cuts to aim at Asian levels of public spending (20 per cent or less of national income), but it does involve shifting the balance between public and private

brovision. -What is distinctive, and appealing, about Mr Patten is not so much his ministerial record - three middlelevel posts before a mixed 18 months as Environment Secretary — but his approach to politics. He stands out because of his decency and humanity, because he is not an obsessive Westminster speculation has missed the point. The question is not whether Mr Patten wants to become Tory ader - which would be highly unlikely, as he accepts - but rather whether he sees the post-election Conservative Party as a congenial place to serve. Much will depend on who is the leader. Mr Patten's decision will say much about the

Out of range



The Duke out shooting

of Edinburgh appalled victims of the Dunblane tragedy by suggesting that members of gun clubs were no more dangerous than cricketers, his award scheme is to consider dropping marksmanship as one of its activities.

A sitting panel of the Duke of Edinburgh Award will meet in February to discuss whether riflerange shooting should remain as one of the 300 or so skills that participants can learn as part of the scheme.

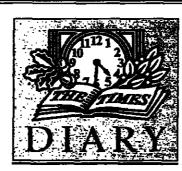
"Marksmanship is on the meeting's agenda," said a representative yesterday. "They will be discussing whether it is still relevant, but I am not going to pre-empt the

Shooting with air pistols, air rifles and proper .22 rifles has been offered since the award was set up 40 years ago to promote enterprise among teenagers of an outdoor, Gordonstoun-inspired, cold-morning-baths variety. The Army Cadet Force was one of the first organisations to become involved, and marksmanship arrived with it. "Very few people do marksmanship with the award

now," said the representative. Prince Philip will not be at the meeting, and he is still wary of any moves to curb shooting. Even so. public reaction forced him into an unprecedented apology before Christmas for his suggestion that the sort of chap who uses a gun for sport isn't very different from the one who swings a golf club, tennis racket or cricket bat.

The great minds of Cambridge University expect nothing but the best, but even they were surprised at the quality of the local pantomime cast this year. The comedian Barry Cryer, starring as the Dame



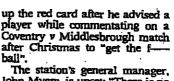


in Dick Whittington at the Arts Theatre, is described in the programme as having received an award from the Royal Society, the world's senior scientific body. Perhaps they meant the Royal Television Society.

Clean game FOOTBALL FOLK are emotional

types, as Graham Taylor, the former England manager, eloquently demonstrated in a documentary during which he used the f-word 40 times, a new record for television.

Malcolm Allison, who once managed Middlesbrough, has now been sacked by a radio station from his job as a football commentator because of his forceful language. Century Radio, based in the North East, had warned him, and held



John Myers, is upset: "There is no way back for him now," he said. "It's very sad because he is such a nice bloke. We sacked him a year ago for using the f-word, but due to public demand, we asked him to come back - with the proviso that he would watch his language.

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host of economic and social woes,

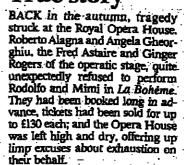


Hats off, a year on

France is indulging in a bout of dewy eyed nostalgia for the man he replaced. Why all this Mitterrand idolatory?" asks the conservative newspaper Le Figaro as the first anniversary of his death on Jamiary 8 approaches. "Certainly not because of his record, which comprises a lowering of France in all

The corruption scandals of his tenure, the unemployment statistics and the recession are ignored in the present melée of Mitterrand mania: pride of place in the museum of headwear near Lyons has iust been given over to a broad-rim felt hat, customised with the ini-

True story



In next month's Classic FM magazine, Alagna finally explains why



Duty before operatic romance

he and his wife polled out. Angela's sister was killed in a crash leaving behind her six-year-old daughter, Ioana, whom the couple have since adopted

"At the time we cancelled La Bohème in London and everyhody said: It is a scandal, I have my ticket.' But we stuck by our sister, that is all. The matter is

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HIDDEN AGENDA

Labour should treat the constitution with caution

It may be the historic task of the Liberals; ing terrain to defend. The legislative cost John Maynard Keynes once argued, to give ideas to the Labour Party and then to the Conservatives. Some time has passed sincethe second role was discharged. The ment while preserving the time to do much revelation that a Labour-Liberal committee has drafted an agreed approach to constitutional reform suggests the first function is alive and well ---

If reports are accurate consensus has already been reached on the introduction of a Bill of Rights and Freedom of Information Act as well as reform of the House of Lords. A Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly. significant regional government, are still being discussed, as is the switch of the electoral system towards a type more conducive to the centre party. Tony Blair is unlikely to embrace proportional representation before the general election. However, he will wait until he sees the size of his majority before ruling it out either.

Many, particularly on the left of the Labour Party, have expressed anger that so few among their ranks were aware of this continuing co-operation, and fury that leading Liberal Democrats appear to wield more influence than several members of the Shadow Cabinet. This concern should really be directed at the substance of these discussions, not the symbolism. For the future fate of a Blair government may rest upon their outcome.

If Labour held only to the shortlist of measures it presently seems minded to offer the Liberal Democrats, then it would probably come to little harm. A Bill of Rights, Freedom of Information Act and parliamentary reform would represent a substantial but manageable package, broadly compatible with the principles of the present constitution. Voter antagonism would be improbable. The Conservatives might be outmandeuvred: Whitehall secrety to be shaped by the Liberal Democrat and hereditary peerage do not look promis- agenda, that record will not change.

would be limited. Mr Blair could claim to have made some long overdue modernisation to the institutions of British governmore besides.

That would not be the case if Labour swallowed whole the plans pressed upon it by such groups as Charter 88 and their Liberal allies. This might seem attractive to some new Labour supporters as a programme that combined genuine radicalism with minimal expenditure. Yet even if Mr Blair abandoned the longstanding convention that constitutional measures should be debated, line-by-line, on the floor of the Commons, not in committee, little parliamentary space would be available for anything else. The proposals themselves would be extremely controversial and prompt internal division. They would also represent an opportunity for the Conservative opposition to reunite. Yet, outside Scotland - and even here - politics is about more than devolution. There is little evidence that constitutional reform stands among the reasons why the electorate might choose a Labour government.

In short, Paddy Ashdown and his followers would win by far the better part of such a bargain. One does not need to be a member of the Tribune Group to note an irony in the first Labour government for 18 years implementing policies that the Liberal Party has failed in the last 80 years to persuade the public to accept. Advocates of radical action retort that fundamental constitutional change is the "necessary precondition" before more ambitious innovations can be undertaken in a second administration. No Labour government has yet served a full term and been re-elected for another five years. If Mr Blair allows the next Parliament

NEWT ON THE RACK

The Speaker should still retain the confidence of Republicans

These have been difficult weeks for Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the US House of Representatives. Although personally unpopular with the American electorate, his strategy and leadership had proved strong enough to see the re-election of his Republican compatriots in November. That victory, the first of its kind in almost seven decades, seemed enough to silence criticism.

That was before the House Ethics Committee decided that Gopar, the political suggest, inhibited in exploiting it while the organisation he once headed had violated. Speaker's own probity, on affairs of an tions to fund a college course of lectures that Mr Gingrich had given. As so often, the original misdemeanour was compounded by subsequent attempts to minimise its importance. The Speaker has conceded that he provided "inaccurate, incomplete, and unreliable information" to his colleagues.

Of itself this should not cause Mr Gingrich's downfall. The ultimate verdict from the committee is unlikely to be stronger than a reprimand. Unless further revelations emerge, then the Speaker will be reelected when Congress reassembles in Washington tomorrow. Despite that, many Republicans are openly nervous. They would be grateful if their standard-bearer chose voluntary retirement

The Republican case against their leader is threefold. Many believe that his recent difficulties will make it impossible for him to recapture public support and the party cannot be saddled with an electoral liability. In addition, more cynically. House Republicans need him rather less than two years ago. Then they unexpectedly won power after 40 years in the wilderness. Their tenure could have proved an embarrassing fiasco were it not for the direction he offered.

Furthermore, the Gingrich case is proving damaging distraction. The emerging scandal about how the Democratic National Committee sought vast donations from Asian businessmen, accepted contributions that were palpably illegal, then offered access to the White House and, allegedly, the opportunity to influence American trade policy in return, invites genuine comparison with Watergate. Yet Republicans are, some suggest, inhibited in exploiting it while the This is not an inconsequential argument.

If Mr Gingrich encounters any further ethical difficulties even his most ardent supporters might need to reassess their position. Before that, though, House Republicans need to consider the consequences of losing him. In large part this affair has acquired its prominence through Democratic pressure, partly as revenge for the fall of Speaker Jim Wright in 1989, but largely out of hostility and fear of the agenda embodied by Mr Gingrich. That campaign would probably intensify, not disappear, if the present Speaker were sacrificed.

Nor is it difficult to detect why House Democrats want to be rid of their nemesis. Mr Gingrich is not irreplaceable but any successor is unlikely to bring the same combination of intellectual vision, political planning and the ability to broker compromise between Republican factions. The party would be less effective as a result of his departure. The Speaker would be well advised to proceed with great caution in the months ahead. But he requires continued Republican support as much for what he can deliver in the future as for his undoubted successes in the recent past.

FLEETING FAME AT THE BAR

Nelson Mandela is no longer an icon for today's students

When Nelson Mandela was a prisoner on Robben Island, a persecuted symbol of apartheid's evil, his name and fame were adopted by student unions across the country. Bars, buildings and halls of residence were named after the African National Congress leader, his image was an icon for crusaders in the anti-imperialist struggle, the more potent for being locked away from public view. Yet from the moment of his liberation, the mystery began to fade. Mr Mandela became a familiar face on television, no longer a suffering martyr but a mortal politician beset by the daily

compromises of politics. A new more worldly generation of students has turned its attention to heroes nearer home: to the icons of screen and stage to sporting personalities and to the showbiz plutocrats able to bestow not onlytheir name on a bar but perhaps also some new stools and a karaoke machine. Nelson Mandela was just another elderly African leader: Freddie Mercury, on the other hand, was dead, misunderstood and a victim of Aids who could be adopted for inday's fashionable causes. The Mandela bar quietly became the Freddie Mercury bar. Of the 30 or more Mandela bars once found in British universities, others opted for Oasis, Des Lynam, the BBC presenter, or even Bruce Forsyth - though student players in

Embarrassed student leaders insist that today's young drinkers have not turned their backs on the anti-imperalist struggle whatever its current manifestation. But there is a feeling that these causes are yesterday's, the pretexts for the great student sit-ins of the late Sixties. And anyway, who wants now to be associated with a President preoccupied more with investment than divestment, fighting crime than fighting the capitalist conspiracy?

Rarely do the reputations of revolutionaries ripen in respectability. In politics, as in the arts, a premature or violent end guarantees a reputation untouched by failure or decline Wilfred Owen, James Dean and Marilyn Monroe share with Kennedy, Ché Guevara and Eva Perón the nostalgia for what might later have been -

though would probably have only declined. Mr Mandela will not grieve that he has been usurped by the transient idols of Britpop. He won a more warming accolade last summer, with the excited smiles of the children in Brixton, and the evident emotion of Betty Boothroyd as she walked hand in hand with him down the steps. At Oxford, at least, he has had a statesman's revenge: not all New College found the renaming of the Mandela bar the Joanna Lumley Room absolutely fabulous, and restored the old man's name above the door. And South Winhill Road.
New Mills, High Peak, Derbyshire.
January 3. Africa's leader has, after all, won his

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bringing abortion into party politics

From Dr Geoffrey M. Seeff

Sir, I am not one of those who believe that the Church, in this case the Roman Catholic Church, should desist from comment on or direct involvement in politics. Access to abortion has wide-ranging economic, social and moral implications and Cardinal Hume is perfectly within his rights to advise the followers of his faith not to vote for parliamentary candidates who support the principles enshrined in the present laws on the matter (reports, December 28 and January 1). Similarly, the Pro-Life Alliance is entitied to put up candidates to fight the general election on this platform.

However, having entered the political fray, the Cardinal cannot be allowed to shy away from telling us where he stands on the secular aspects of the nation's governance. I assume that he is not so naive as to suggest to Catholic voters that the "evil" of abortion overrides every other aspect of their lives, so he should now make clear the rela-

tive importance of the issue. How would abortion rank in comparison with some of the other "moral" questions of our day, such as broadcasting and the media, crime and punishment, medical research and vivisection and the National Lottery? And how would the Cardinal advise people to vote if the only antiabortion candidate in their constituency was against further gun controls

and in favour of hanging?
As for the Pro-Life Alliance, I look forward to reading its party mani-festo. With no robust political philosophy underpinning the grouping, if policies are presented on issues other than abortion, it will be of considerable interest to know the method by which they have been developed and how committed to them are its candidates - although in this particular regard they may be no worse than either of the Labour or Conservative parties.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY M. SEEFF (Liberal Democrat prospective parliamentary candidate. Chingford and Woodford Green). South Woodford, E18.

Investigations of MPs From the Editor of The Guardian

Sir, I am mystified by Sir Gordon

Downey's letter (January 3) which may have given the impression that The Guardian has been mainly responsible for a delay in him examinilton and other MPs. This is wrong. The case against Mr Hamilton and

his colleagues was sent to Sir Gordon on October 8. Sir Gordon subsequently argued that we would have to surrender our right to publish any supporting material we sent him since it would attract parliamentary privilege. I cannot believe that any newspaper would agree to surrender its copyright on its own material to a parliamentary committee. There was thus a delay while this point was settled. Sir Gordon received the main bun-

dle of documents at the end of November and has been in consultation with our lawyers since. Until Sir Gordon rang me on Thursday afternoon I had had no indication from him that he was lacking any further evidence.

Yours faithfully. ALAN RUSBRIDGER 119 Farringdon Road, EC1. January 3.

Honours due

From Mr Charles J. Swallow

Sir, The Government claims to be concerned about education. A cursory look at the New Year's Honours list (reports and leading article, December 31) suggests that their priorities are otherwise.

The award of an MBE to the elderly (and no doubt thoroughly deserving) "lollipop" man may help to achieve the Prime Minister's stated intention to create a classless society. Yet one looks in vain, year after year, for the singling out for honours of virtually any of the heads or teachers throughout the land, many of whom have given a lifetime of dedicated service to the

Teachers, like children, need encouragement. An award costs the Government nothing.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES SWALLOW (Retired headmaster), Manor Barn House, Wendlebury, Bicester, Oxfordshire. January 3.

Royal Parks cuts

From Mr G. F. C. Plowden Sir, Heaven forbid that the Royal Parks should get more money (letter, December 28) if they are going to spend it on such fancy vulgarities as the coloured lights let into the ground in St James's Park, or the flowering shrubs planted last year to spoil the beauty of the vistas among the trees in Kensington Gardens. Such attempts at prettification do more damage than neglect or decay.

Yours faithfully, G. F. C. PLOWDEN,

'War of words' over Elgin Marbles

From Professor Robert Browning, Chairman, British Committee for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles

Sir, Some of the points made in your leading article of December 21, "No Elgin, no marbles", call for clarification (letters, December 28). First, I do not understand what is meant by saying that by being

brought to London, the marbles have "become memselves". In the 15th century they aroused the ecstatic admiration of Cyriac of Ancona, the founding father of classical archaeology. In 1674 the Marquis de Nointel. Louis XIV's Ambassador to Turkey.

had his artist prepare minutely detailed drawings of all the sculptures. A century later, another French Ambassador, the Comte de Choiseul-Gouffier, suggested to the Polish Diet that a replica of the Parthenon, sculptures and all, be built in Warsaw to celebrate the new Constitution of Poland. Lord Elgin (1766-1841) was not the first to recognise their perfection. Second, is it not mean-spirited as

well as inaccurate to describe the planned Acropolis Museum as "a speculative gamble and potentially as "architectural blackmail"? The need for a new and larger Acropolis Museum was recognised 20 years ago, at the same time as the Committee for the Preservation of the Acropolis Monuments was set up by the then Greek Minister of Culture, Professor Constantine Trypanis. The contract for the new museum has now been signed, and preparatory work has already begun.

Thirdly, the war of words over the location of the marbles has hardly been static during the last 15 years. Let us recall, inter alia, the publication in 1987 of Christopher Hitchens's The Elgin Marbles: Should They Be Returned?; the 1988 debate in the Oxford Union, which voted overwhelmingly that the marbles should be sent back to Greece; the telephone poll in April last year, following a Channel 4 film on the subject, in which out of 100,000 callers 92,500 supported the return; and last but not least a Times leader

on April 6, 1992, which ended with these words: "the marbles should be returned and the cobwebs of museum curatorship swept aside".

Yours sincerely, ROBERT BROWNING, Chairman, The British Committee for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles. 5 St Paul's Place, N1. January 2.

From Mrs S. R. Swan

Sir, I am sad and angry at the feeble letters supporting the return of the El-gin Marbles to Greece.

Why on earth should we send them back? These lovely and precious objects were legitimately acquired, meticulously cared for and are splendidly housed in the British Museum for

millions of people to enjoy.

Your leading article of December 21 was quite right. As a nation we should be proud of our marvellous museums and dismiss all suggestions of returning objects to their countries of origin. What a game of musical chairs would ensue if this were applied universally.

Yours faithfully. SUSAN SWAN, 251 Kennington Road, SE11. January 1.

From Mr Alec Tilley

Sir, There has been a good deal of support in your columns for the return of the Elgin Marbles, but it seems that one of the main stumbling blocks is the fear of setting a precedent. If the Elgin Marbles go home to Greece, what museum piece is safe?

Could they not be returned as a gesture to mark the new millennium? That would merely create a precedent for repairiating one national treasure every 1,000 years - a prospect that ought not to upset museum curators.

Yours faithfully, ALEC TILLEY. Fieldfare. East Street, Hambledon, Waterlooville, Hampshire.

From Dr Kristen Lippincott

Sir. I would like to comment on a few

points made in today's Diary. The Old

Royal Observatory at Greenwich (part of the National Maritime Muse-

um) did indeed receive a letter from

the Blackheath Society requesting in-

formation on where the Prime Merid-

ian bisects the Borough of Lewisham.

Assuming that accuracy was a prime

concern, we replied suggesting that

the most cartographically reliable

source for tracing Longitude 00 would

be an Ordnance Survey map and dir-

ected the inquirer to that source. The

notion that the Museum had "mis-

laid" its own map showing the loca-

tion of the Meridian line and "nobody

knew" where the line went beyond the

confines of our museum boundaries is

On a more general point, had the di-

arist followed the Ordnance Survey mappers' advice and visited the

Chingford Pillar on the edge of Ep-

ping Forest, he or she would have dis-

covered that the current Prime Meri-

dian - established during the Inter-

national Meridian Conference of 1884

- is in fact marked by an obelisk 19ft

to the east of the 1824 pillar marking

Should the diarist wish to pursue

the matter, the original records for the

Royal Greenwich Observatory are

kept at the Department of Manu-

scripts and University Archives, Uni-

(Director, The Millennium Project), The Old Royal Observatory,

porary business visas and intending

Bradley's earlier meridian.

versity Library, Cambridge.

Yours sincerely, K. LIPPINCOTT

Greenwich, SE10.

absurd.

Tracing Greenwich Meridian line

From Miss Carole Stott Sir, You report [Lost time", Diary,

December 31) that Greenwich has lost the Meridian line. This is not so. It cuts England in two from the East Coast just north of the Humber to Peacehaven on the South Coast, east of Brighton, and is recognised and marked at numerous points along its track. Brass plaques, trees, a rose garden, an obelisk and mark its route.

As occupants of Louth, Boston, Waltham Abbey, East Grinstead and Lewes go about their daily business they regularly trip between the eastern and western hemispheres, not to mention those in the windmill, pub and golf club, and the schools, railway stations and farms that are bisected

by the line. Many of the marks, including some in the buildings and on the roads and pathways of Greenwich, were installed in 1984 when the Greenwich Meridian celebrated 100 years of international acceptance. I had the pleasure of motoring along the line that year,

others walked or cycled parts of it, the Red Arrows parachuted onto it and the Brownies polished it. The Greenwich Meridian is far from lost. After all, it is impossible to lose something that is an imaginary

line in the sky. Yours faithfully, CAROLE STOTT (co-author, The Greenwich Meridian. Ordnance Survey, 1984; Department of Navigational Sciences, Old Royal Observatory, Greenwich, 1977-89), 28 Muskoka Avenue.

Sheffield, South Yorkshire. January 2

Visiting Australia

From The High Commissioner of Australia

Sir, Bernard Levin seems to have got hold of the wrong form for his Australian visa ("No room down under", December 13).

The form he needs "for tourism or other recreational activities" is a simple two-pager - one page of helpful guidance, and the other the page he needs to complete which actually asks only a few of the questions he men-

There are more detailed application forms for such categories as tem-

migrants. There is another longer form which is issued by our staff when they have doubts about the applicant's intentions to leave Australia at the end of the time allowed for their trip, but that is hardly ever needed for Britons. The 300,000 UK tourists who visit

us each year and use the two-page form get not only a warm welcome but minimal bureaucracy.

Yours faithfully. NEAL BLEWETT. Australian High Commission, Australia House, Strand, WC2. January I.

Fathers who smoke

From Ms Anne Kenny

tions in his article.

Sir, On reading your report (December 17) that children born to men who smoked prior to their child's conception are more likely to succumb to childhood cancers. I mused how rare were such attributions made to the

However, unlike a woman, who would have resignedly added a further weight to her ever increasing burden of guilt and culpability, Lord Kilbracken (letter, December 30, et segg) challenges the assertion and reduces it to a statistical irrelevance.

Yours faithfully. A. KENNY.

From Mr Gareth Boote

Up, up and away

Sir, Dr Kenneth Swinburne fletter. January 3) queries a three-year guarantee offered in an advert for a wristwatch, but makes no complaint that pre-Christmas adverts for hot-air balloon flights offered no guarantee at all (Weekend, December 14). Was he not interested, or did he presume there would be no strings attached?

Yours faithfully, GARETH BOOTE, 13 Batheaston Grove, Leigh, Lancashire. January 3.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Language, culture and nationhood

From Mr Richard Alexander

Sir, Mr Peter Stockhill, in support of his argument that black American English, or Ebonics, is a valid separate language, not only refers to the undeniable cultural contribution that African Americans have made, but goes on to state that "language is perceived as a stepping-stone to nationhood fletter, January 2). The first is a nonsequitur, the second is simply not nec-

essarily the case. That a group, ethnic or otherwise, has a separate culture, or even cultur-al identity, from those surrounding it does not in itself mean that that group has a separate language. Merseyside has made a clear cultural contribution to this country, both in music and in poetry, yet few would suggest that the Scouse dialect is anything more than a variant of English.

As for language as a claim to national identity, Austrians are very clear that theirs is a distinct nation, not merely an independent country. with a separate identity encompassing history and some of Europe's greatest musical contributions. But they do not claim that their language is other than a dialect of German, no more distinct than that of Bavaria or the Palatinate.

Furthermore, it is to be noted that where a language has been cited in support of a separate national identity, as in the case of Welsh, Lithuanian or Catalan, it has tended to differ rather more markedly from that of the dominant group than does Ebonics.

Yours sincerely, RICHARD ALEXANDER, 9 Chartway, Sevenoaks, Kent. January 2.

London walks

From Mr Neville Labovitch

Sir, I support Mr Stephen O'Brien's plea (letter, December 28) for a new year drive to improve the lot of the London walker. The 12-mile Silver Jubilee Walkway surely provides the foundation for a range of such im-provements as he suggests.

As a result of work over 20 years a traffic-free walkway from Lambeth Palace to Tower Bridge already exists: much could be done along the Silver Jubilee Walkway's route on the North Bank - Mr O'Brien's suggested sites of Horse Guards Road and Parade. Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square all lie on it.

If the authorities concerned were to co-ordinate plans it would be possible to amalgamate these improvements into a significant and lasting contribution to millennium year.

And why just London? Every big city could contribute to such a campaign

Yours faithfully, NEVILLE LABOVITCH (Chairman Silver Jubilee Walkway Trust), 23 Ennismore Gardens, SW7.

BBC World Service From Mr Michael Kane

Sir, The report, "The Archers recover their lost past in Toyko and Kentucky" (January 2), proves how important The Archers serial is to expats and Anglophiles around the world. Therefore, why doesn't the World Service broadcast it, either daily or in a weckly omnibus?

Perhaps John Birt's much-feared internal restructuring of the World Service will actually benefit listeners if it forces programmers to look to the wealth of BBC material currently heard only in the United Kingdom, to the impoverishment of the rest of the English-speaking world.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL KANE, 30-93 37th Street, New York 11103. January 2.

Cold calculation

From Mrs Noel McLeod

Sir, Your general weather forecast for today predicts scattered light snow showers in eastern coastal parts but more "organised" sleet or snow in southernmost parts of England and

Organised by whom? And could the organiser be persuaded to organise something different?

Yours faithfully, NOEL McLEOD, 48 Witley Court, Coram Street, WCl. January 3.

Fair play

From Mr Alan Richardson

Sir. Having sampled the welter of criticism of the England cricket team for their performance in Zimbabwe, I think that it should be pointed out, in the interest of balance, that on this tour England twice defeated Matabeleland quite decisively, in a one-day match and a four-day match.

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Yours faithfully, ALAN RICHARDSON, Tallinn, 12b St Martin's Avenue, Epsom, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK January S. Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning. The Bishop of Derby preached the

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 5: The Prince Edward. Patron, this evening attended a Concert given by the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and was received by Her Majesty's Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Scottish Episcopal Church

Glasgow and Galloway Sarah Helen Buchanan (Sally) Gorton has been ordained deacon and will be Hon Assistant Curate at St Cyprian's Church, Lenzie. St Andrews, Dunkeld and

Diana Frances Louise Petzsch has been ordained deacon and will be Assistant Curate, St John's, Perth. Appointment

Glasgow and Galloway Shelly Ann Marsh, Hon Assistant Curate, Good Shepherd, Glasgow: Priest-in-Charge, St John's, Johnstone, and St Margaret's,

Wild geese are on the move all

over Britain, looking for quiet

fields of grass or springing corn where they can feed

unhampered by snow. A few

snow geese from Greenland

have been seen

with flocks of

white-fronted

geese. They

are pure white

birds. with

tips, a red beak

and pink feet.

blackbirds.

redwings,

fieldfares and

wing-

skylarks have been heading for the West Country and

ireland in search of easier

conditions. These are mainly

ground feeders. In hard wea-

ther, many small birds that

feed in trees and bushes stay

in their territories as long as

black

Flocks

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: King Richard II, reigned 1377-99, Bordeaux, 1567; St Joan of Are, Domremy, France, 1412; John Smith, colonised Virginia. Willoughby, Lincolnshire. 1579; Jacques Enenne Montgolfier, balloonist, Annonay, France, 1745; Gustave Doré, artist and book illustrator, Strasbourg, 1832; Max Bruch, composer, Cologne, 1838; Carl Sandburg, poet, Gatesburg, Illinois, 1878; Tom Mix, film actor,

El Paso, Texas, 1881. DEATHS: Baldassare Peruzzi. architect. Rome. 1530; Fanny Burarchitect. Rome. 1536; Fanny Burnev. novelist and diarist, London, 1840; Hartley Coleridge, writer, Grasmere, Cumbria, 1849; Louis Braille, inventor of the reading system for the blind, Paris. 1852; Richard Henry Dana, writer, Rome. 1852; Gregor Mendel, geneticist, Brno, Czechoslovakia, 1884; Theodore Roosevelt. 26th American President 1901-09, Oyster Ray. New York, 1919; Victor ter Bay, New York, 1919; Victor Flening, film director, Phoenix, Arizona, 1949; A.J. Cronin, nov-

elist. 1981. Harold II was crowned King of England in succession to Edward the Confessor, 1066. Samuel Morse gave the first public demonstration of his electric telegraphic system, 1838.
The new Sadler's Wells Theatre

Lord Mayor

opened, London, 1931.

Nature notes

The Lord Mayor entertained children connected with City institu-tions, City Livery Companies. HM Forces and London boroughs at a fancy dress party held on Saturday at the Mansion House.

they can: their need to drink is

as likely to drive them out as

the shortage of accessible

food, and owners of bird

tables should put out water as

well as nuts and fat. Under

on the hairy hazel twigs: by

the middle of next month

drops

Forgotten war art goes on view

By Alan Hamilton

GRUESOME scenes of life in the trenches of the First World War, painted in secret by a serving soldier and smuggled home to his mother, have gone on show in Leeds for the first time in 60 years.

Stanley Wilson served with the 10th Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) on the front line in Italy. Hidden in his kitbag were a roll of paper, tubes of watercolours. a pen, a bottle of waterproof ink and a single brush. After a day's battle he would retire to a quiet corner of his trench and record scenes still fresh in his mind. As the officer responsible

for censoring his men's let-ters home, Wilson was able to pass his own mail and, by rolling his paintings inside old newspapers, post them to his mother in Yorkshire. Now his covert art is seeing the light of day again on the walls of Leeds City Art Gailery.

His collection lay undiscovered for many years until Wilson, visiting his seriously



One of Stanley Wilson's First World War paintings, now being exhibited for the first time in 60 years

that his work was still in her attic. The paintings were exhibited in London before being bought by the City of

ill mother in the 1930s, learnt Leeds, in whose vaults they lay forgotten until recently, when they were found by art gallery staff carrying out a stocktaking.

School news

The Arts Educational School. Tring Park

The Spring Term begins today at The Arts Educational School, Tring Park The Drama Show is from March 12-14 and the Dance Show is on March 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26. Term ends on Thursday, March 27.

the shelter of Chetham's School of Music Term starts today at Chetham's School of Music. Lower School garden trees the first snowpupils will give a concert at the Royal Northern College of Music on February 12, and the following evening Chetham's Symphony Orchestra will perform at the same venue. The Middle School showing their heads. Japanese cherry is in pink blos-Orchestra will give concerts in Ulverston on March 14 and Harpenden on March 15. Term som in many places: it flowers twice, in with the Founder's Day winter and in service in Manchester Cathedral spring. Some elder bushes are still in leaf. on March 22. The 1997 Halle Prom Concert will be held in the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, on There are small, hard catkins

Ibstock Place School

many of them will already Rochampton
The school term starts today.
Heads of School are Frederick have become "lambs' tails". dangling loose and yellow with pollen. Schofield and Arny Dixon.

July 3.

Entrance examinations for September 1997 for the Senior School take place on January 31 and assessments for the Junior School on February 1. Full details from the registrar 0181 392 5803. Oakham School Spring Term at Oakham School

begins today. Music and Art & Design Scholarship Examinations Design Scholarship Examinations for II+ and I3+ entry will be held on February 3 and 4. Academic Scholarship Examinations for I3+ entry will be held on February 10, II and I2. The Jerwood Players will perform Twelfth Night on February 24, 25 and 26. The Oakham School Symphony Orchestra's Spring Concert is on Orchestra's Spring Concert is on February 27 and will include Dvorak's 9th Symphony, From the New World. The Oakham Prep Schools Seven-a-side Tournament takes place on March 2. Or Sunday, March 9, in the School Chapel, the Oakham School Choral Society and Orchestra will perform Hymn of Praise. Mendelssohn's Pipers Corner School

High Wycombe The Spring Term begins today at Pipers Corner. Sixth Form Scholarship examinations will take place on Monday and Tuesday, January 20 and 21, with interviews on Wednesday, February 12. Entrance tests for 11-and 12+ entry will be held on Saturday, January 25, in the Main School. The Right Rev Colin Bennetts will be conducting the Confirmation Service on Friday. March 21, at 20th at St Michael 8 All Angels, Hughenden.

Wymondham Coilege, Nortolk Term begins today with Veena Joory as Head Girl and Andrew McDonell as Head Boy. BBC Question Time will be broadcast from the College on January 30, the production of *Pirates of* Penzance will be performed on March 14 and 15. Work will begin on the new Science and Art buildings this term and the opening of the Mitsubishi Apricot Computer Suite will be on March
7. On February 1 the Sixth
Form Boarding Scholarship
Assessments will take place.
College Open Days this term
will be held on February 1 and

Birthdays today

Major K.G. Adams, 77; Mr Malcolm Appleby, engraver, 51; Mr Rowan Atkinson, actor and comedian, 42; Mr Paul Azinger, golfer. 37; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, 70; Mr Roger Barton, MEP, 52; Mr. A.J. Bowkett, chief executive, Berisford International, 46: Sir Ashley Bramall, former chairman. GLC, 81; Sir Robert Clark, former deputy chairman, TSB Group, 73; Mr John Croft, criminologist and oil painter, 74; Mr Angus Desyton, writer and broadcaster, 41; Mr. Kapil Dev, cricketer, 38; General Sir Martin Parndale, 68; Sir Hugh. Sir Marini rarindale, oc. Sir Hogh.
Fish, water scientist, 74: Mr Ronald Goldstein, joint founder,
Superdrug, 60: Mr Barry John,
rugby player, 52: Mr P. J.
Kavanagh, writer, 66: Sir Christopher Lewinton, chairman, TI
Group, 65: Miss Nancy Lopez,
golfer, 40: Lord McColl of Dulwich, 64: Sir Hamish Macleod, former Financial Secretary, Hong Kong, 57; Sir Brian Moffat, chairman, British Steel, 58; Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Moore, 55; Mr Richard Nerurkar, athlete, 33; Mr Martin O'Neill, MP, 52; Lord Plowden, 90; Mr Bill Sirs, trade unionist, 71; Mr J.P. Sowden, former chairman, Costain Group, 80; Miss Sylvia Syms, actress, 63; Mr Terry Venables, former England football team coach, 54; Sir Ernest Woodroofe, former chairman, Unilever, 85.

Royal Ascot

The Royal Meeting will take place at Ascot on June 17-21, 1997. The list for applications for the Royal Enclosure is now open and Her Majesty's Representative wishes to remind applicants that the age limit for junior vouchers applies to those aged 16-29 years. Dates of birth must be stated in the application. application.

application.

Only personal letters of application will be accepted. Existing
members should apply, as usual,
before the end of April. All those
wishing to apply for the first time
should make an application before
the end of March stating the full names of those members of their family who require vouchers, to gether with their dates of birth if between 16 and 29 years. Sponsorship forms will then be sent which should be signed by a sponsor who has been present in the Royal Enclosure for a minimum of eight

years. Overseas visitors should apply direct to their embassies in London.

In the Royal Enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with hat which must cover the crown of the head. Gentlemen will wear morning dress with top hat, or service dress. Applications should be addressed to Her Majesty's Representative, The Ascot Office.

James's Palace, London,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.LS. Sweetnam and Miss C.M.A. Jory

The engagement is announced between David, son of Sir Rodney and Lady Sweetnam, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Carole, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Jory, of Paris and Bordeaux Mr A.J. Benneti

and Miss P.A. Smith
The engagement is announced
between Algernon, son of the late
Captain David Benner and of
Mrs David Benner, of Wing,
Buckinghamshire, and Penny,
daughter of Mr and Mrs David
Smith, of Kelso, Rozburghshire. Mr S.T. Glarville and Miss H.M. Myska

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Glanville, of Pensford, near Bristot, and Hana Maria, daughter of Dr Viktor Mysica, of Horneburg, Germany, and Dr Ivana Myskova, of Harborne, Mr C.P. Elliott

and Miss P.E. Holland The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Elliott, of Welwyn. Hertfordshire, and Paula, daughter of Mr W.R. Holland, MBE, and Mrs Holland, of Ormskirk, Lancashire. Mr G.J. Handford

and Miss E.A. Arrowsmith
The engagement is announced
between Gordon John, son of Mr
Gerald Handford and Mrs Phyllis Gerato Hangeoro and Mrs Physics Handford, of Milton Regis, Kem, and Flona Anne diagner of Mr Edwin Arrowsmith and Mrs Gillian Arrowsmith of Hale, Cheshire.

Mr P.J.A. Huschinger and Miss E. Barr.
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Dr David Hutchinson of Westerland Kent. Hutchinson of Westerham, Kent, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr John Barr, of Malta, and Mrs Doren Barr, of London.

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, second son of Mr and Mrs Mark Reid Sharman,

of London, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Keen, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Mr I.G. Shearer and Miss M.E. Dalyell

The engagement is announced between lan Grant, youngest son of Mrs Mary Shearer and the late Mr James Shearer, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Moira Eleanor, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Tam Dalyell of the Binns, Linlithgow.

Mr E.O. Thesiger and Miss J.C. Woolley-Stafford The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Thesiger, of Mr and Mrs Michael Inesiger, or St John's, Redhill, Surrey, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Pener Woolley-Stafford, of Little Kingshill, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.D.H. Watson and Miss L.A. Fielden The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mrs Margaret Watson and the late Mr Donald Watson, of Mickleover, Derby, and Lara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Fielden, of Hampstead, London.

Marriages

Mr M. Page and Miss J.S. Godley The marriage took place quietly on December 27, 1996, in Maida Vale, between Mr Mark Page and Miss Jill Sarah Godley.

Mr D. Wylie The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, January 4, at the Church of St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford, of Donovan Wylie to

Latest wills

Winifred Mary Riley of Wood-lands, Hampshire, left estate val-ned at 1843,935 net. She left 11,000 to the Ride Crists Animals Hospital! 1500 to Haits and Woodgreen Church of England parish church and so the Halt Village.

Diana Beatrice Eleanor Barring. Services 1500 in the Jewish Later ton-Ward, of Suntan Versy, Will. Mainwelled College. shire left 1503,443 net.

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Bileen Mary Cross, of Chehen
ham, Gloocestershire, left, estate
valued of 1900, 666 net.
She left 1,0,000 to the First Charles of
Christ Scientist, Chehenham, and to
whitehaven Trues, Barn 15,000 escito Ald Food for Christian Scientists,
the Samarians and Saw the
Children Fund.

Lady Lees, of Lytchelly Minster.

Poole, Dorset, left estate valued, at London Wi, left 1742,571 net.

1242,879 net.

Winifred Mary Riley, of Woodlands, Hampshure, left estate valued, and the state valued at 1842,935 net.

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for Animal Weibure in Israel; and
£1,000 to the Jewish Branch of the
Children's Country Holldays Fund
and to Friends of the Earth. Byan Glyn Evans, of Newport, South Wales, Jeft 5571,342 net.

FARESAVERS

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Wee betide those who seek to hide their plans too deep for the Lord to see. When their deeds are done in the dark they say, "Who sees us? Who knows of us?" Isaiah 29-15

CRANDAGE - Landale, pt

BIRTHS

DINGEMANS - On 30th December, to Liz (née Hawkins) and Simon, daughter, Amy Elizabeth.
EVAMS-LOMBE On Decembe
30th to Gabrielle (not
Spackman) and Nicholas, Spackman) and Nicholas, son Arthur Thomas,

HELDREICH - On December 22nd at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Claire (née MacCindle) and Richard, a daughter, Emily Richard, a daughter, Émily Alice. HEWARD - On 1st January, to Annabel and Paul, a daughter, Julia Clare, a sister for Sam and Rosama. NUTCHINGS - Meritin and Carolyn, London, New Year's Day, a son, Mylo Arthur Binton, a brother for Jolyon.

MORRIS - On Friday Januar 3rd 1997 in Columbia, Sout Carolina to Melanie (né Bligh) and Michael, daughter Alexandr Eatherine.

REBUFFA - On December 18th, to Celia (née Bahd-Smith) and Christophe, a gift of a son, Nicholas Joshua, a

REES - On December 21st 1996 to Lucy (néo Collins and David, a son, Benjamin James Everard.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

GAZZARD:MORGAN - Roy and Joy, 6th January 1947, Holy Trinity Church, Claygate Surrey, now at Durham Chy DHI 4QX

DEATHS

BISSET - On 4th January 1997 at home in Edinburgh Kenneth Alexander Bisset DSc. Ph.D. BSc. Scholar artist and soldier. Born 1915, Husband and father of

BURGESS - John CRE, M.Sc., MIRE, on New Year's Day at home, adored husband of Evis, Joving and devoted father and stepfather to Lesley, Scott, Helen and Andrew. A gadding light to all his grandchildren. Father to Northern Rugby and an Andrew A guiding light to au his grandchildren. Father to Northern Rugby and an inspiration to us all. Service to be held at St Philip's Church, Ryleys Lane, Alderley Edge on Thousday 9th January at 1 pm followed by private interment. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Pamily flowers only Service will be held at a later date. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations for the R.F.U. Charitable Fund (S.P.I.R.E. Appeal). All further enquiries and donations to juming a Son, Chellord Road, Warford, Alderley Edge, Cheshire SES 77L, tel: (01625) 584199.

CAWLEY - On December 31st, peacefully at home, Florence (Sally to everyone), aged 93 years. Dearly beloved wife of Charles for 62 years, loring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at 3 pm on Thursday laneary 9th at St Andrew's Church, Ferring, West Spaces. Family flowers only piease, but donations in her memory, for St Barnahas Hospica, may be sent to H.D. Tithe Ltd, 259 Goring Boad, Goring, Worthing, tel: (01903) 249913.

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GRANDAGE - Dr. Chris Landale, peacefully January aged 80. General Practitioner for many years in Kensington. Father of Timothy, Melanie and Rosemary and grandfather of Sarah, Emily and Philippe. Funeral Service on Wednesday 8th January at St. Columba's Church, Pont Street, SW1 at 2.30 pm followed by cremation at Putney Vale. Family flowers only please. Dotations may be made to the Talking Newspapers Association of De made to the laiking Newspapers Association of the UK or Future Hope (UK), c/o J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marioes Road, W8 6LA. Tel: (0171) 937-0757.

SURNEY - Henry Charles Horton, on January 2nd 1997, at Totnes Hospital. No funeral at his request. No flowers or letters please.

HARDING - Evan of Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Formerly Chief Solicitor British Railways Bourd. Dearly loved musband of Grace and father of Elizabeth, Kate, Clare and Beaty, died suddenly on 29th December 1996 aged 77 years. Funeral on Friday 10th January at 12:30 pm at St. Mary's Caurch, Hitchin. No Rovers. Donations to Christian Aid and any enquiries to David Binks Funeral Director, 96 Walsworth Road, Ritchin SG4 9SU. Tel: (01462) 450249.

MARE - Nancy Rarbara (née Fuller) On 2nd lammary 1997 aged 85. Beloved wife of the late Pat Hare and dear mother of William and Michael. Her courage and Indomitable spirit was admired by all. Funeral service at All Sahns Church, Wrington on Friday 10th lamary at 2pm Family flowers only. Donations if desired to All Saints Church, Wrington Co Funeral desired to All Saints Church Wrington c/o Funeral Oractors Keith C. Britton & Son, 10 High Street, Tatton, BS19 4JA Tel: 01934 832115

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MASELDEN - Lily Jewett Stetson, widow of Kit Raselden C.M.G., Sudan Political Service. Born Bangor, Maine, 287,01, died peacefully at home on 3rd January 1997. Mother of the late Louise Roper and of Carol, Gavin, grammother of Frances, Sophia, Saskia, Georgia jakr. Fertia Chico and great-grandmother of four. Greatly lorred by all her family and looked after for many years with unstituting devotion by Alsira and Manuel Arivedos and Gelly Peralta. Ril.P. Domations in lieu of flowers to: The Tressurer, Sudan Church Association, Langlebury House, Alington Avenue, Dorchester. DT1 2AB, Equiries: 0171 937 5957

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2nd aged 46, beloved daughter of Bevis and the late Margaret Brock and former wife of Jim Port, after many years of increasing disability borne with great courage and humour. Funeral at Futney Vale Crematorium on Friday, 10th at 11.30 nm. No flowers, but donations if desired to the Multiple Sciences's Society, 25 Effie Road, 5W6.

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The picture could be to was born on June 3, 1915. leading figures in Britain's postwar commercial property boom. Along with such men as Jack Cotton, Joe Levy and Harold Samuels, he helped to change the face of countless towns and cities, transforming their commercial centres with new office and retail developments. The company he founded in 1956, Town & City Properties, had grown by 1973 to be the second largest public property company in the country. The collapse in the property market of 1974 hit it hard, however, and only a reverse takeover by Jeffrey (now Lord) Sterlings Sterling Guarantee Trust saved Town & City from disaster; it was to be almost a decade before it returned to profits. The company now forms part

of the P&O Group.

Bertram David (Barry) East was born in London and educated at Southdown College and the Regent Street Polytechnic. In 1933 he was articled to a City firm of chartered surveyors; two years later he went into practice on his own account in Mount. Street Maylair.
He volunteered for the Army and

served in the Royal Engineers, finishing the war with the rank of captain. A chance postwar encounter with an old friend, Sam Messer, led him to the London office of another postwar property giant, Jack Conon, where Messer was a partner; within months East was a partner himself. He remained with the practice for ten years before leaving in 1956 to form Town & City Properties.

In London, Town & City was to acquire such landmark buildings as Berkeley Square House in Maylair and the Adelphi building in the Strand; it also had a stake in the exhibition halls at Olympia and Earls Court. But East was, above all, a retail specialist and Town & City was a property developer in the most active sense.

Its schemes transformed (for better: or worse) the centres of such towns as indivated in the second Uxbridge and Basingstoke; and, through one of its acquisitions, the Arndale Property Trust, it was involved in the creation of the covered shopping centres which began to revolutionise retailing in the 1960s and 1970s. It also undertook prominent station developments at Holborn-Viaduct. Moorgate and Waterloo, and was one of the first UK property companies to expand overseas, holding investments in Europe, the United States and

Australia.

A dignified, quietly spoken man, nicknamed "the whispering baritone" by his friends. East approached busi- overs, and he worked closely with a ness with an attitude that was calm, ... small and able team.

BARRY EAST



rational and, for much of his career. essentially cautious, anxious to balance new developments against existing assets. Under his direction, Town & City stuck mostly to what it did best, never venturing outside property and rarely straying beyond the commercial sphere; its residential interests were insignificant and its portfolio aimed at balance, with 40 per cent in offices, 40 per cent in shops, 10 per cent in industrial developments and 10 per cent overseas.

Throughout the 1960s Town & City grew steadily by a mixture of property purchases and company acquisitions. The latter were always uncontested -East had no appetite for hostile takeovers - and included Arndale, Eldonwall (the industrial developer built up by the future Lord Young of Graffham) and the Laurie Group run by two rising property men of the younger generation. Stephen Laurie and Elliott Bernerd. Unlike some of his more flamboyant rivals, who ran what semed like one-man shows. East was always ready to draw on the managerial expertise acquired in these take-

In the heady days of the early 1970s, however, when it must have looked as if property values could only go on rising. East's natural caution seems to have been swept aside in the euphoria that gripped the rest of the property sector. In the summer of 1973, with an expansion programme of well over £300 million already under way, Town & City made two further massive acquisitions in the space of ten days, taking over Sterling Land for £28 million and Central and District Proper-

Those acquisitions put the compamy's assets in the region of £600 mil-tion, but they also took its borrowings past the £300 million mark. In combination with a number of city-centre developments of unprecedented scale and complexity, the expansion left Town & Country helplessly over-exposed when the property market crashed the following year.

ties for £97 million.

Sterling Guarantee Trust merged with Town & City in what amounted to a reverse takeover in June 1974; the companies had already collaborated on development projects. At the time, East's property company was, in Jeffrey Sterling's words, bleeding in

all directions". It was, inswever, too big to be allowed to fail, particularly in the light of the secondary banking crisis then developing. The process of recovery proved to be slow; after disposals totalling some £500 million, and diversification into the service sector, the company finally returned a 49 million pretax profit in 1983.

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East had stepped down as chairman when Sterling took over. He remained as president, but chose not to draw his annual consultancy fee of \$30,000 until such time as the company's dividends had returned to the level which they were at in 1972-73. The consultancy agreement expired in 1980.

On his retirement from active business. East devoted himself to sport, his other great love. His lifetime involvement with the world of amateur football came about when he took an Army team to play Leytonstone Foothall Club at the end of the war. The Army won by three goals to mil, but East was asked to join the Leytonstone committee. He was honorary secretary for many years, before becoming president; when, after three mergers, the club became part of Dagenham & Redbridge, East was the first president of the merged club. He was watching the team play in very cold conditions on Boxing Day when he collapsed and died.

East's involvement in sport excended beyond his presidencies of Dagenham & Redbridge and of the Icis Isthmian Football League. He was a vice-president of the Essex County Football Association and of the Essex County Cricket Club, where he was instrumental in the building of the pavilion at Chelmsford, which became the permanent county headquarters He was also a member of the 1974 Commonwealth Games Committee and of the 1976 Olympic Games Committee and a life member of the Olympic Games Association.

His extensive charitable work and contributions reflected his sporting links. He was president of appeals of the National Playing Fields Association in 1975 and a vice-president thereafter and purchased, refurbished and donated the association's headquarters in Belgravia.

Other organisations to benefit from his generosity included the Basingstoke Sports Trust, European Architectural Heritage, the Essex Schools Football Association, and St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he funded environmental studies. He preferred to support lesser-known

causes, without publicity.
His first wife, Gladys Stone, whom
he married in 1947, died in 1957. He married, secondly, Elizabeth Glemser in 1960; the marriage was dissolved and she died in 1995. He is survived by two sons from his first marriage.

MIREILLE

lisher Raoul Breton had the

cabaret duo. Pills et Tabet,

perform Couchés dans le Foin

(Lying in the Hay) from

Fouchtra, Suddenly Mireille's

music and Nohain's words

were on everyone's lips. It was

the beginning of a new style in

French music, a combination

of lightness, liberty and wit

Mireille, actress, singer and composer, died in Paris on December 29 aged 90. She was born in the same city on September 30, 1906.

MIREILLE may not have been the most illustrious of singers, but - particularly through her own compositions - she did as much as almost anyone this century to promore the cause of la chanson française. She was the author of more than 600 songs, a formidable stage presence in her own right and mentur and

teacher to much young talent. Born Mireille Harruch to a Polish father and English mother, she was ten when she was heard playing the piano by the virtuoso Francis Plante. a man who had known Rossini and Liszi. Plamė took charge of her musical education but soon saw that she would never be a concert pianist (her hands were too small to cover an octave). Instead, she turned to the

theatre, playing Cherubin in Le Mariage de Figaro and Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream at Firmin Gémier's Odéon. It was here that she became aware of her gift for composition and also that she met Jean Nohain, the lawyer with a penchant for writing lyrics, whose words would be paired with all her most successful melodies. Their joint activity hegan in 1928 with an "American-style" operetta. Fouchtra: it was published, but not performed.

Mireille - Gémier had advised her to drop the Hartuch - then continued with her acting career, playing alongside the young Jean Gabin in the operetta Flossie, and with Buster Keaton in one of his short films. After a stint at the Café de Paris in London, she took the lead in Noël Coward's production of Manon la Crevette on Broadway. She met Cole Porter and George Gershwin and went on to compose several film scores in Hollywood. Her French breakthrough that broke with the door realism or vulgar comedy then in vogue.

As one of its most famous representatives. Charles Trenet, would later declare: 1 was lucky to arrive at a time when, thanks to Mireille and Jean Nohain, French song had undergone a veritable revolution and people no longer believed that a music-hall artiste had to stand there and utter idiotic rhymes."

In addition to Trenet (Le Vieux Château) the artistes who sang Mireille and Nohain's compositions included Maurice Sablon, Maurice Chevalier (Quand un Vicomte) and Yves Montand tUne Demoiselle sur une Balancoire). Even Jacques Brei covered what remained her favourite, Le Petit

Diminutive but charismatic, Mireille was, in the words of her friend Sacha Guitry. "lucky not to be handicapped by a big voice". Hers was light, slightly sharp and served by perfect diction. In

1934, urged by her friends, she began to perform and record her own songs. She would continue to do so sporadically throughout her career.

Georges Brassens later paid her tribute by inviting her to sing with him at Bobino and she made her first video in 1991, at the age of 86. In 1995 the director of the Theatre National Populatre, Jérôme Savary, persuaded her to make a solo performance in the evocatively named Salle Gemier: there she was, a still sparkling presence in a regal Lacroix gown behind her trademark white grand piano.

In 1936, Mireille had married "my Voltaire" - Emmanuel Berl, an eminent intellectual and editor of Marianne. Although she coquettishly claimed to have read none of her husband's books, the relationship remained solid until Berl's death

During the war, when Mireille was banned from performing on stage or over the radio, the couple took refuge in the Correze and hid their friend André Malraux from the police. Mireille played an active role in the Resistance, and on one occasion helped to save many lives by averting a German attack

on the Maquis. In 1954, Mireille founded her Petit Conservatoire de la Chanson in Rue de l'Universattempt at organised tuition of the singer and songwriter's art, and it was an enduring one: some \$0,000 students attended Mireille's lessons over the next four decades, among them Michel Berger, Hugues Aufray, Françoise Hardy and Colette Magny.

Not that Mireille claimed much credit. As she declared with a characteristic mixture of trenchancy and modesty: "It is always the students who teach me. I have never taught anyone anything. Charm and gouaille cannot be inculcated. What I can do is help, detect,

She had no children.

JIM RODGER

Jim Rodger, OBE, sports journalist and fundraiser. died in Lanarkshire on-January 3 aged 74. He was born in Shotts on March 13, 1922.

PRIME MINISTERS were putty in his hand, church leaders accepted his instructions without question; tycoons wrote checkes for large amounts of money whenever he requested it. Jim Rodger was a phenomenon on both sides of the border; in Scotand, however, he was an stitution.

To watch him take charge of Margaret Thatcher at a Newspaper Press Fund lunch in Glasgow, was to witness a man incapable of being overawed. Where do I go. Jim?" she asked. "You'll be OK. hen." he assured her. "Just follow me," "Whatever you say, Jim," answered the Prime Minister meekly.
Something of his reput-

ation, both as a football writer of extraordinary influence, and a fundraiser without paraller in his field, can be judged from the tributes which flowed in over the weekend after the announcement of his death. From Tony Blair, who had no besitation in calling him "a legendary figure" to Alex Ferguson, manager of Manchester United, who. described him as "a giant of a man - my mentor throughout my career" there was general agreement that he possessed some quality of personality. drive, energy, or perhaps ob-

session that raised him to a pesition of influence far beyoud the apparent boundaries of his profession. The Shadow Scottish Secretary, George Robertson, said that he was a brilliant backroom operator, whose unique combination of charm and relentless persistence made him one of the most formidable political and sporting characters in Scotland." Jim Rodger, born and

brought up in Shotts, Lanarkshire, began his career as a miner, working undergound at Calderground in the era of pit ponies. In later days he always liked to describe himself as the "wee pit boy from Shotts," and he regularly talked of the "shining light" of the miner's lamp as the perfect image for his fundraising activities. But it was as a football reporter that he first made his national reputation. It is hard now to convey just how great his influence was it would be inconceivable today, however cosy the finanrelations between the tabloid press and leading football clubs.

For 40 years on the Daily Record, and later the Daily Express and the Daily Mirror, Jim Rodger was a kingmaker in the football world, his scoops as remarkable for their profusion as their accuracy. He pointed the young Alex Ferguson in the direction of his first big job, as manager of Aberdeen, then helped to engineer his move to Manchester



In similar fashion, he spotted the potential of the late Jock Stein and eased him into his first job at Dunfermline, advising him on all his later moves, up to and including the management of the national team. He broke nearly all the big Scottish transfer stories of his day, including the moves of Denis Law to Torino and back to Manchester United, Jim Baxter from Rangers to Sunderland, Martin Buchan from Aberdeen to Manchester United, and Steve Archibald from Aberdeen to Spurs.

At the same time, he won the trust of everyone he dealt with. Bill Nicholson, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, once handed him for safekeeping the entire allocation of Rangers tickets for a European Cup Winners match against Spurs at White Hart Lane. Jim slept with them under his pillow before delivering them safely to the Rangers headquarters next day. A lifelong Labour support-

er, he took a keen interest in politics, and was an avid collector of the volumes published by Victor Gollancz under the Left Book Club imprint. He helped Harold Wilson to launch his general election campaign in Glasgow in 1966, and his contacts in the party continued to be impeccable. Tony Blair described him as one of the most remarkable organisers of our time. He was never off the phone with ideas and suggestions."

But when it came to fundraising, his other great love, party barriers simply disappeared. No one could ever quite explain why Jim threw himself so avidly into raising money for the Newspaper Press Fund, a charity devoted to helping retired journalists down on their luck. But his

own analogy of the miner's lamp may explain something. From his days in the pits he believed passionately that in any profession it was up to those who succeeded to help those who were less fortunate. To this end he raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for the Glasgow branch of the Fund, largely by persuading the great and the good to attend vast luncheons in the city, where they would sit and listen to the even greater. while in the course of it. shelling out substantial sums of money. Year after year Glasgow broke all the Press Fund records.

As well as fundraising for the NPF, he helped the families of prisoners at his local prison, Shotts, and also served as a JP. In 1988 he was appointed OBE for his charitable work. Round of face, short of

stature, substantial of waist, Jim Rodger was an archetypal West of Scotland man, quite impervious to any distinctions of class or creed, as much at home in the manager's boardroom as on the terraces, with a network of contacts that any ordinary politician would have died for. A great raconteur, his best stories did, admittedly, tend to revolve around himself. But since his interests and enthusiasms so obviously embraced humanity in its broadest aspects, no one could seriously hold that against him.

He is survived by his wife Cathy and a daughter.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL F. R. L. MELLERSH

Air Vice-Marshal F. R. L. (Togs') Mellersh, CB, DFC and Bar, died on December 19 a was born on July 30, 1922.

A DASHING fighter pilot with red hair and lively personality to match, "Togs" Mellersh set an RAF record more than half a century ago by shooting down nine V-1 missiles on one night sortie. During a three-month period in the summer of 1944 he was credited with a total of up to 42 so-called "doodle-bugs". bringing them down over the Channel or open country before they could reach London and other towns in the South Fast.

Targeting the last-moving "buzz-bombs" was a daunting task. They outpaced the British Mosquitoes whose pilots had to dive down on them at speed, opening fire with solitsecond timing and total accuracy. But Mellersh, already a veteran night-fighter at the age of 21 when he joined 96 Squadron at Ford, Sussex, in June that year, had perfected the technique. His skill and daring were recognised that October with the award of his

second DFC. He had won his first 12 months earlier during the air war above the Mediterranean theatre. After joining the RAF Volunteer Reserve (RAFVR) in 1940 and serving as a night fighter pilot in Britain for most of the next two years, he flew out to North Africa in a Beaufighter to join 600 Squadron on Christmas Day, 1942.

During the preceding eight months he laid claim to seven enemy aircraft (plus one "probable") above the Western Desert, Sicily and Italy; he swept up by the war.

was decorated in September er to his tally.

It might be said that Francis Richard Lee Mellersh was following in his father's slipstream. Born in the village of Edwalton, Nottinghamshire, he was the son of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Francis "Tog" Mellersh, a distinguished pi-



lot with the Royal Naval Air Service in the First World War (later to suffer a violent death in a helicopter accident)

It was his nanny who conferred on Mellersh junior the per-name of "Togs" - originally Tog's" - after his father. Disliking all of his Christian names, he happily adopted it and was never known henceforth as anything

He went from Winchester House School to the Imperial Service College (then run jointly with Haileybury) where he showed a natural aptitude for all sports. On leaving school, however, he was immediately

1943. Later, back in Britain, he war ended, Mellersh began added another German bomb- his ascent up the RAF ladder. He served for a time as an instructor, ran the Belfast University Air Squadron, attended the staff college (then at Andover) and spent some time in Egypt with the Middle East Air Force. In 1957 he joined the directing staff at staff college (in Bracknell by this time) then went on to command the RAF station at West Raynham. 1965-67.

The final phase of his career included a sequence of important staff jobs. He was Chief of Current Plans at Nato's Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe (SHAPE) in Paris, 1967-08, Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) in RAF Germany, 1970-72, and Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations), 1972-74, before moving to Training Command Headquarters on his last job, in charge of officer training. He finally retired in 1977 and was appointed CB in the same year.

Mellersh surprised friends in his retirement by settling down to a quiet country life at Romney Marsh. He chaired the parish council, made his own wine — which he drank from a silver gobler and pronounced excellent - and discovered a passion for gardening. Despite three hip replacements, he tackled everything he took on with his customary energy.

"Togs" Mellersh's first marriage was dissolved. He is survived by his second wife Lisa, a White Russian whom he met in Paris while at SHAPE, and by three children, two sons from his first marriage and a daughter by his second.

The Rev David Ainge, Vicar, Leyton, St Mary w St Edward and St Luke, and Rural Dean of Waltham Forest (Chelmsford): to be also a Non-Res identiary Canon of Chelmstord Cathedral The Rev Canon William Andrew

to be Honorary Curate, West

vindon and The Lydiards The Rev Paul Avis, Vicar, Stoke Canon, Politimore w Huxham, and Rewe w Netherexe (Exeter): to be also Sub-Dean of Exeter

The Rev Rodney Biddle, Vicar. Shrewsbury St George: to be also Priesr in charge, Bicton, Montford Shrawardine and Fitz (Lichfield)

The Rev Michael Burke, Vicar, St Lawrence, Canon Pyon; St Mary the Virgin, Kings Pyon; St Peter, Birley: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Margaret of Amioch, Welling-

The Rev Michael Calaridge, Priestin-charge. Wellington Christ Church: to be Vicar Wellington. Christ Church (Lichfield). The Rev David Cawley, Vicar, St

Church news

Mary de Castro, Leicester, Chaplain of Trinity Hospital, Leicester, and the Sovereign's Preacher at The Newarkes to be also Minister w special pastoral responsibility for St Nicholas, and Honorary Team Vicar within the Holy Spirit Team Ministry, Leicester.

The Rev Joy Chapman, Team Vicar, Bucknall and Bagnall (Lichfield): to be Chaplain to the Leicestershire Organisation for the Relief of Suffering (LOROS).
The Rev Nicholas Fint. Team

Vicar, Ifield: to be Priest-in-charge, Rusper w Colgate (Chichester) The Rev Jonathan Greener. Domestic Chaptain to the Bishop of Trure to be Vicar. Brighton Presion The Good Shepherd (Chichester). The Rev John Harris, Vicar,

Moldgreen: 10 be Priest-in-charge. South Ossett Christ Church (Wakefield). The Rev Paul Hartley, Team Vicar, Guiseley w Esholt (Bradford): to be Rector, St. Cuthbert, Ackworth

The Rev Charles Lawrence, formerly Vicar, Saddleworth (Manchester): to be Vicar, Effingham w Linle Bookham (Guildford).

The Rev John Lawson. Team Vicar, the Dewsbury Team Ministry (Wakefield): to continue as Team Vicar for a further two years. The Rev Christopher Martin. Priest-in-charge, St Ippolyts: to be the Incumbent, St Ippolyts (St The Rev Peter Micklethwaite.

Assistant Curate. Wisley w Pyrford: to be Rector, Windlesham Guildlord). The Rev David Newman, Vicar. Ockbrook and Borrowash (Derby): to be Team Rector, Loughborough Emmanuel and Nanpantan St Mary (Leicester).

Curate, Christ Church, Epsonn: to be Team Vicar, Westborough (Guildford). The Rev Geoffrey Read, Team Vicar, Westborough; to be Team Rector, Westborough, (Guildford).

The Rev Clive Potter, Assistant

The Rev Preb. Jeanne Summers Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Marden Amberley, and Wisteston: also Priest-in-charge. St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg. continuing as Rural Dean of Hereford. The Rev John Theobald, Chaplain of HM Prison, Armley, to be Vicar. Leeds St Cyprian, Harehills

The Rev Nicholas Varnon, Curate, Pontypridd (Llandaff): to be Priestin-charge, St Nicholas, Sutton St Nicholas: St Michael, Sutton St Michael: St Peter. Withingto St Bartholomew, Westhide (Hereford). Resignations and retirements

The Rev Margaret Duxbury, Curate, Dacre w Hartwith and Darley w Thornthwaite (Ripon): The Rev Ronald Howell, Rector. Thornhill St Michael & All Angels and Whitley Lower SS Mary & Michael (Wakefield): resigned December 31.

The Rev Frank Snow, Rector. Great Smeaton w Appleton Wiske and Birkby and Danvy Wiske w Hutton Bonville (Ripon): to retire January 16.

Rutland-house, Arlington-street, died, his Royal Highness FREDERICK, Duke of YORK and ALBANY, in the ofth year of his age. The painful indisposition of his Royal Highness has long been a subject of notoriety and regret. It had for some time assumed a form which indicated a general breaking up of the constitution and which, in their despair of a complete recovery, left the medical attendants no hope but that of administering some partial mitigation to sufferings in their nature too powerful for human skill to contend with. The deceased Prince, whose kindness of disposition rendered him popular in his lifetime, and will make his death generally lamented, had been what is termed a free liver He liked wine — he loved play — and he had other tastes — unfortunately too often indulged in by men of all professions, but of which the cultivation is perhaps less excusable in many other walks of life than in those of the Prince. beset from infancy by the seductions of a Court and the soldier, to whom, if his mind be not of more than ordinary intellectual and moral force, habits of licentiousness come fatally recommended by those of his reckless asso ciates. We are not now excusing the miserable

morality which interposed the prejudices and

conventions of artificial life, between that to

At 90 minutes past 9 o'clock last night, in

ON THIS DAY

January 6, 1827

A second leader paid glowing tribute to the Duke - he was "cheerful. affable, open, brave ... humane and compassionate to all ... These were generous sentiments from the paper whose proprietor. John Walters, had been imprisoned in 1789 for libelling the Duke which Providence has affixed the seal of actual guilt with all its dreadful conscouences, and the grave reprehension which, in the eye of truth, of virtue, and religion, belongs to it; but, in judging the individual man, it is neither unpardonable nor unreasonable to allow for the temptations which befall him, and the greater or less facility of resistance which his place in the world affords . . . Besides the Duke of YORK'S arrachment to the excesses of the table; to gambling on the turf and elsewhere: and to another class of immoral indulgences which, without being named, may be sufficiently comprehended: his Royal Highness was weakly - we are bound to add culpably.

real use of money. Norwithstanding the vast income afforded him by the liberality of the British nation, he contracted enormous debts, without the means, or even the thought, as it would appear, of discharging them; and involved in distress many hundreds of families. This is, unhappily, regarded as one among the most venial offences of the aristocracy of England. It is positive injustice: it may not be deliberate, but it is intrinsic robbery. It finds men careless. - it makes them callous, — it ends by plunging debtor and creditor into the same gulf of despair. It is notorious how much the rapidity of the Duke of YORK'S disorder was accelerated by the growing pressure of his pecuniary difficulties. severe, so degrading were the forms in which those embarrassments assailed the Prince, that neither a house, nor furniture, nor horse, nor tangible property of any kind, remained in his possession. Yet, thus destitute and fallen - owing an enormous debt, of which he could not pay a shilling - with the resistless grasp of death about him, through what Demon was it, that this ill-advised member of the Royal Family commenced the building of a Palace, the construction, decoration and furnishing of which, were not to be completed for less than half a million sterling!

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Tory campaign hit by gay sex claim

■ Allegations of an illegal relationship with a homosexual teenager yesterday put the future of a Conservative MP in doubt and marred John Major's launch of an election campaign that could last up to four months.

After Mr Major unleashed a ferocious attack on the opposition parties plans for constitutional change, senior Conservatives were last night urging Jerry Hayes, the MP for

Sinn Fein leaders appear in IRA video

A new IRA propaganda video which is designed to bolster support for the campaign of violence features footage of Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness. The two Sinn Fein leaders appear sandwiched between lengthy shots of masked men firing automatic rifles and mortar bombs.......

Fall from grace

Two-thirds of student unions have dropped Nelson Mandela's name from their bars or buildings in favour of more fashionable heroes including Des Lynam. Freddie Mercury and

Ashdown demand Paddy Ashdown has demanded

that Tony Blair commit himself to wide-ranging changes to the voting system Fault in reality

The "real people" in the Tories'

new poster campaign are not "real" at all, but are actors who have been forced by the party to sign a written undertaking not to reveal their identity Page 2 Freeze to continue

The bitterly cold weather has claimed four more lives as forecasters predicted that the freezing conditions would continue for another week...

'Toxic' sweets

Small, white, pill-shaped sweets made by Nestle Rowntree have been added to a toxicology database for police and hospitals because they are being mistaken Page 3

Student loan scheme A group of universities is prepar-

ing its own student loan schemes to tempt scholars away from rivals and curb the rising drop-out ...Page 4

Dixon murder lead

Nicola Dixon's killer may have attacked another girl a week earlier. Detectives have reinterviewed a girl who was robbed on Christmas Day two miles from the murder scene Page 5

Turner mapped

The English landscapes in hundreds of Turner's evocative watercolours have been precisely identified for the first time sincePage 2 they were paintedPage 5

Rich take most drugs Prosperous professionals living

in smart inner-city and urban areas are the biggest users of illegal drugs, according to a study of drug abusePage 6

Hebron deadlock A secret summit between Bin-

yamin Netanyahu and Yassir Arafat has failed to break the deadlock over Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron Page 7 Belgrade defiance

President Milosevic appeared to have lost control of Belgrade as more than 100,000 pro-democracy demonstrators defied the police and paralysed the capitalPage 8

Rome to apologise

The Vatican is to apologise formally for the "anti-Semitic errors" of Catholicism as part of an attempt to reconcile the three great monotheistic religions in time for the millennium ... Page 9



Icicles hang from grapevines near Bordeaux yesterday where the prolonged cold weather is causing concern in the industry

BUSINESS Sterling: Leading economists are

warning the Government and the Bank of England that their policies will send sterling too high and devastate British industry as badly as the currency's brief membership of the ERM..... Page 44

Defence: British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce are pressing the Government to lift a ban on foreign control before the general election so that they be merged into European firms

Boardroom Pay: Richard Giordano, chairman of British Gas, may have his pay halved if the group splits. But a survey of more than 1,000 companies has found that most executive directors do not comply fully with the City's pay ... Page 44

Anjana Ahuja: Blanket dietary advice is out, and in its place has come nutritional advice specific to the individual. The field of nutritional therapy is booming......Page 10 Mary Killen: "After being hideously

bulky for about two years I have finally found the secret of eating as much as my friends while still losing weight"..... Page 11 Growing goodness: If eating greens is good for you, what about super-greens?

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Blasting off: Nasa plans to put astronauts on Mars for a 30-month stint of roving, mining and refuelling, with plenty of time to hunt for Martian life-forms, Giles Whittell reports......Page 14

Melvyn Bragg writes: "The best essay I have ever read is My First Acquaintance with Poets by Hazlitt. I thought so at 16. I have thought so periodically ever.

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Hollywood contenders: Every year the British give the Americans a run for their money in the race for the Oscars. But this year we are

stronger than everPage 16 One-man Bard: Robert Lepage. brings his one-man show of Hamlet to the National Theatre, a production "with an abundance of technology"..... Page 17

Queen of Britten: Opera North's current revival of Britten's Gloriana confirms Josephine Barstow as one of the great interpreters of the central role.....

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■ VISUAL ART London showcases the latest paintings of the German artist Anselm Kiefer

■ LAW

rules are changing children can no longer claim "finders-keepers"

flurines. Wind northeast moderateor fresh. Cold. Max 2C (36F).

W Midlands, Wales, NW England, Lakes, IoM, Glasgow, Argyll, NW, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Rather cloudy but bright sunny intervals, mainly dry. Wind northeast moderate. Cold. Max 4C (39F).

Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, light sleet or snow at times. Wind light

northeasterly. Cold. Max 2C to 4C (36F to 39F).

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Outlook: Little change.

Footbalk Manchester United, the holders, won 2-0 against Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford, while Charlton Athletic held New-

third round by beating Southampton 3-1 Pages 26, 29 Rugby union: Leicester will play Brive in the final of the Heineken Cup at Cardiff later this month. Cardiff lost to the French side after having Jonathan Humphreys, the

castle United to a I-I draw at The

Valley in the FA Cup yesterday.

Reading sprang the surprise of the

Wales captain, sent off Page 30 Cricket: Simon Wilde digests the lessons to be learned from England's parlous performances in Zimbabwe..

Tennis: Tim Henman reached a

final of an ATP Tour event for the first time, in the Qatar Open in Doha, but was beaten by Jim Courier in three sets.....Page 25 Motor racing: Frank Williams has been speaking about the worries surrounding the impending Senna

trial in Imola.....Page 25 Athletics: Jason Livingston has returned to competition after a drugs ban in fine style in the indoor games in Birmingham Page 24

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Preview: Adam Hart-Davis sets off in search of British scientific pio- à neers (BBC2 8pm). Review: Diana ...Page 43 Rebecca

OPINION

Hidden agenda

One cannot fail to note an irony in the first Labour Government for 18 years implementing policies that the Liberal Party has failed in the past 80 years to persuade the public to accept.....

Newt on the rack

Newt Gingrich is not irreplaceable but any successor is unlikely to bring the same combination of vision and the ability to broker compromise..... ... Page 19

Fleeting fame

Nelson Mandela will not grieve that he has been usurped by the idols of BritpopPage 19

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Tony Blair's success in building a coalition of progressive opinion is almost breathtaking. The Liberal Democrats have been lured into constitutional talks which make Tony Blair appear a better Liberal Democrat than Paddy Ash-

MATTHEW PARRIS

Everyone should make a new year's resolution. Mine is to start making serious plans to reach the desolation of Kerguelen. ... Page 18

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Barry East, property developer: Jim Rodger, sports journalist and fundraiser; Mireille, French

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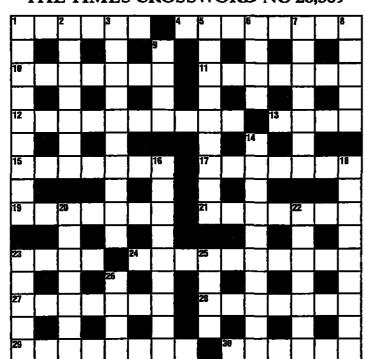
THE PAPERS

Germany does not enjoy much sympathy in Russia: memories of Hitler's invasion are still fresh in Moscow, and more recently Gorbachev apposed German reunification. Yet Helmut Kohl has become the Kremlin's best friend. Despite repeated Nyets from Yeltsin to Nato enlargement to the East, the Alliance has clearly sent Kohl to Moscow as an informal envoy

— La Repubblica

nrizzle 🗪

Madonna's child faces television ban ■ Madonna, star of Evita, erstwhile siren of music videos and provocateur of the Catholic Church, plans to stop her new baby daughter from watching television — which she describes as "poison" — and will encourage her to read the Bible. She says that she intends to remain a single mother but is bothered by her reputation of being "anti-family"...... THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,369 NA MEDRIATION



ACROSS

- 1 Hope for a high church position
- 4 Repeatedly, Charlie batting sees bumper off (8). 10 Volume of city traffic (7). Regal lady who got cross at every halt, being late (7).
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- 21 Bellow, or maybe mutter, about parking (7).
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- are duly dealt with? (4-6). 27 Quicker to see point in a riddle

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,368 will appear next Saturday. The five winners

will each

receive a £20

book token.

28 Arrange about a place in America 29 They're on their own before the

- children appear (8). 30 Some hundreds in a hole before
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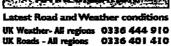
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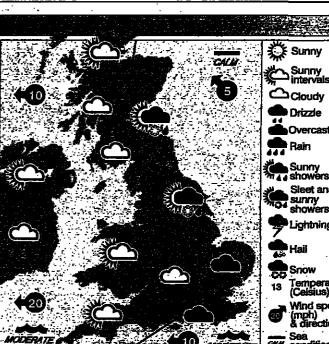
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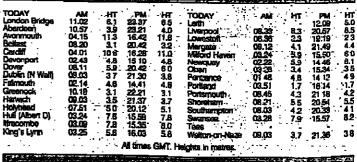
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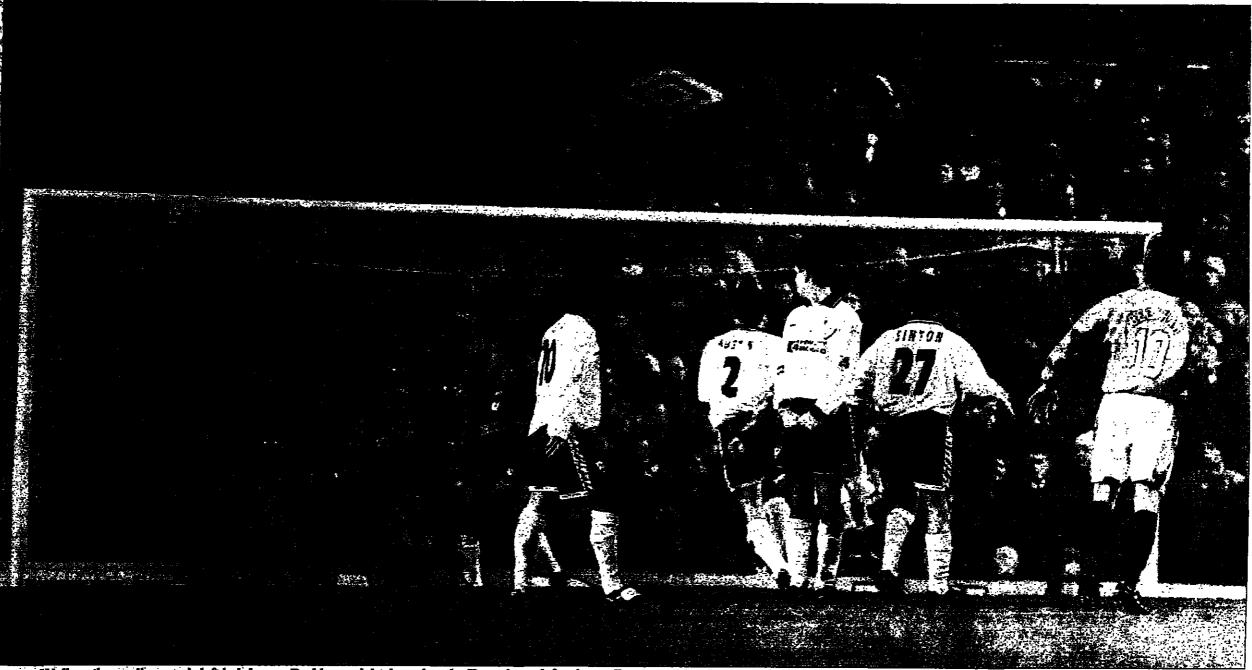
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GALLANTRY UNREWARDED AS HOLDERS OF THE COLE



Walker, the goalkeeper, is left helpless as Beckham, right, breaches the Tottenham defensive wall to score Manchester United's second goal at Old Trafford yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Beckham blunts Spurs

Manchester United Tottenham Hotspur 0

BY ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER United, attempting an unprecedented tourth consecutive appearance in the FA Cup Final, overcame a tactically proficient, tena-tions Tettenham Hotspur before 52,495 spectators at Old. Trafford yesterday. They then learnt that their visitors in the next round will be the other London branch of perseverance, Wimbledon FC, assuming no heroics from Crewe Alexandra when their thirdround tie is played.

However, we must hail the spirit and ingenuity with which Tottenham made such. a game of it yesterday. They arrived without six quality players - Sheringham, Armstrong Anderton, Scales, Mabbutt and Iversen. Moreover, Tottenham have nowtravelled to Old Trafford 13 times since the start of Alex take the game at face value?

Ferguson's tenure and won

but twice. So, even history was against the white-shirted innocents in this third-round tie, which should have been such a classic. Manchester United, winners of the FA-Cup nine times, and Tottenham, its holders on eight occasions, share the most illustrious pasts in a tournament that has run for 125 years.

Yet how do you take on United when your team has been ravaged and when it has recently conceded six goals at Bolton Wanderers and then seven at Newcastle United. The faith that poured down from the Tottenham section of this crowd, their blue and white balloons filling the air. was defiance and outrageous optimism personified.

It was later to turn nasty: "Are you Arsenal in disguise?" the fans in white taunted; "End of your season!" the red brigades responded. Why must they do it? Why is it not enough to support a team and

ham let no one down. They had an emergency strike force in two 19-year-olds, Rory Allen paired with Neil Fenn, so ebullient on his first outing for the first team. Behind them, Sinton, brought in from the wing, was creative and leant his experience to those around him. Better still, Howells, in

captain of the depleted force. Valiant Charlton Redknapp moans Full results

Souness rages

the anchor role, was a true

And then there was Campbell. "Big Garth." he was dubbed as a youth; big indeed the way he dealt with Cantona's opportunities. More redeployment came on the flanks, particularly the right where Carr and Austin tried to contain the pace and trickery of Giggs. That should not sound too negative, for Tottenham came to play footpace and movement. Ferguson said: "It was a credit to Gerry Francis that he could bull a team out of the hat like that. What gave us a little edge was the two young players up front against the experience of May and Johnsen."

Ferguson further identified Keane, the embodiment of cup-tie spirit and dynamism as "marvellous - there was not a player within a thousand miles of him, the way he found a red jersey all the time". Perhaps so, but Keane also has a recklessness that, in the 31st minute could have got him sent off.

He raced behind Nielsen, he fouled him wickedly and then pursued the ball, raising his boot in an ugly fashion against the out-stretched leg of Edinburgh. A yellow card for two yellow-card offences and, come the European Cup resumption, Keane will not get away with that. United, meanwhile, had

profited from Allen's inexperi-

Fenn. he mis-headed the ball from a scoring position at the far post. Gradually Beckham was inviting United to break through. In the 26th minute, Giggs squandered a wonderful centre from Beckham when he allowed Walker to make a superb save. The goalkeeper arched his back and palmed the ball away

with both hands; and yet, from eight yards, Giggs should not have allowed him the glory. By half-time, United became almost a 4-2-4 attacking formation, with Cantona wide on the left, Beckham on the right and Giggs doing what Cantona seemed reluctant to do — playing through the middle close to Cole.

Spurs had grown in confidence, had moved the ball impressively before half-time. But, just after, came the breakthrough. Beckham initiated it, Cole, with his best moment of the match, provided the through ball and Scholes scored with a sharp, low shot from an acute angle.

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was a piece of advice one Bill Nicholson, the manager of the great push-and-run Totten-ham side, used to advise Jimmy Greaves. Scholes

looked quite a pupil. But Beckham was to finish the match as a contest nine minutes from time with a peerless free kick. We talk of Brazilians being able to conjure bias and swerve at their will on a dead ball. Beckham can do that, too.

Calderwood, lucky not to receive his second caution when he brought down Giggs, was punished when Beckham addressed the free kick from 27 yards. He ran at it side on. he used the instep of his right foot, yet he produced not only the guile and spin, but also tremendous ferocity, giving Walker not a ghost of a chance as the ball arced into the roof of his net.

Tottenham had spirit. At times Fenn looked a player for the present rather than the future. He gave May a hard time, and later we learnt that the United defender will have an operation today on a hernia problem that has troubled him for two months.

Irwin, taken off with a hamstring strain, may also miss the next match, which happens to be next Sunday, against Tottenham at White Hart Lane. "People think our season is over," Francis said. "It hurts to be out of the Cup at the first attempt, but those players did us proud today. It's not unrealistic for us to aim to finish high enough in the league to reach Europe." MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1): P Schrischel – G Neville, D May, R Johnsen, D Inwn (sub, B McClair, 55min) — D Bocktern, R Kearre, P Scholes, R Giggs — E Cantona – A Cole (sub) O Sodsiges, 77). TOTTENHAMI HOTSPUR (5-1-2-2). I Walker — S Carr. D Austin, C Calderwood, S Campbell, J Edinburgh — D Houels — A Netsen, A Sinton — R Allen, N Fenn Reteries: S Lodge

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Liverpool head for Bridge of ties

FOOTBALL'S FA Cup fourthround draw consisted mostly of ifs, buts and maybes yesterday, with 50 clubs still involved because of delayed third-round matches or replays. Yet from the endless possibilities, it was not difficult to pick out the most compelling tie - Chelsea against Liverpool at Stamford Bridge

(Russeli Kempson writes). The teams met on New Year's Day, with Chelsea making the most of home advantage to win 1-0, Roberto Di Matteo scoring the goal. Ear-lier in the season they had lost 25 and 26 if they overcome 5-1 at Anfield in the FA Charlton Athletic after a 1-1 Carling Premiership. Liver draw yesterday. Victory

pool, beaten finalists last season, have drifted out to 7-1 to win the competition while Cheisea are rated a 12-1 chance by William Hill, the bookmaker. Manchester United, the holders, have been made favourites, at 9-2, but are unlikely to relish the probable visit of Wimbledon to Old Trafford, if the London

chib first dispose of Crewe Alexandra in the third round. Newcastle United, second favourites at 6-l, could also face Premiership opposition over the weekend of January

would give them a home tie against Nottingham Forest. A meeting between Arsenal and Leeds United at Highbury is also possible, should they defeat Sunderland and Crystal Palace respectively. Of the remaining non-

league clubs, Woking will play away to Blackburn Rovers, if they first beat Coventry City, while Hednesford Town's reward for defeating York City would be a home game against Middles-brough Reading 3-1 conquerors of Southampton, one of only two Premiership sides knocked out at the weekend, travel to Portsmouth.

BBC earns little credit from inflexible friends

Bad, better, best would be the alliterative way to describe the PROF to describe the BBC's progress through the third round of the FA Cup. Awful, so-so and as good as a slightly disappointing live encounter between Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur would allow would be the honest way.

Let us deal with the worst first. Football Focus was so bad that, if the orange ball that we later saw bouncing round the Racecourse Ground turned out to be the producer's head, I would not be sur-

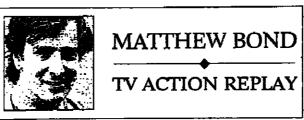
prised. It was that awful. Television is supposed to be the instant medium, delivering the news as it happens, if not before. So, how come a no doubt blameless Gary Lineker had to introduce special film reports about Woking and Hednesford and an interview

with Nigel Martyn, the Leeds United goalkeeper? Their matches were postponed at least the day before.

The inability of the Football Focus team to think on its feet. especially when it had been clear for days that most attempts at giant-killing would have to wait, was simply astonishing. Any newspaper journalist knows about having a perfectly good story spiked because it has been overtaken by events.

Different rules, though, ap parently apply at Football Focus, where the running order appeared to have been written in stone some 48 hours earlier. "Hednesford's off. boss - shall we do something else?" Certainly not. "Coventry's off, too - do we still want John Sillett as studio guest?" Of course, we do.

Which is how we came 10



spend Saturday lunchtime listening to the amiable Sillett pronounce on several games that would not take place for another ten days.

It is not as if there were not alternatives available. John Motson and John Champion were already in place at St Andrew's and the Racecourse Ground, respectively. Although Champion laboured valiantly with Brian Flynn, the manager of Wrexham, better use could have been made of the ever-reliable Motson. Then there was the flagship game

between Manchester United and Tottenham to look forward to. The montage of goals was terrific, but, on a day when upsets were clearly off the menu, more was needed.

Things improved modestly for Match of the Day: the Road to Wembley, but at least Des Lynam, Alan Hansen and Trevor Brooking provided an A-team line-up. The after-noon's results had ensured that it was never going to be the most exciting 75 minutes of football highlights, but the running order did not help.

Harry Redknapp, the manager of West Ham United, Lynam and Brooking were all agreed that what had taken place on the snow-covered Wrexham ground was not football. So why make it the first match, rather than Birmingham City's infinitely superior game against Stevenage Borough?

Trevor Francis, the Birmingham manager, knew the answer. "The only reason you lads are here," he said. gesturing at the camera," was the hope of a Stevenage victory." That had not happened, but Wrexham, at least, had managed a draw. So they went

Yesterday, however, proved an infinitely brighter affair, with Charlton Athletic against Newcastle United live on Sky followed, not an hour later, by the live game from

ly, there is nothing to choose between the terrestrial network and its satellite rival. while, behind the microphones, Martin Tyler and Andy Gray, for Sky, are every bit as good as Barry Davies. and Brooking.

In terms of presentation, though, the BBC remains streets ahead, thanks largely to the affable authority of Lynam but helped immensely by the forthright presence of Hansen and the increasingly eccentric Jimmy Hill. In con-trast, all Richard Keys had for company at The Valley was Lennie Lawrence and the Cup itself. Next season, of course, ITV becomes the terrestrial broadcaster for the FA Cup. Given the problems that IIV had with presentation during Euro 96, Lynam and Co are going to be much missed.

Torrance toppled by high-flying Hoch

SAM TORRANCE, of Scotland, was beaten 4 and 2 by Scott Hoch, of the United States, in the semi-final of the \$2.4 million Andersen Consulting world championship of golf in Scottsdale, Arizona. Hoch produced a supero performance, recling off seven birdies and an eagle as he took control over the back nine. He said: "It doesn't get a whole lot better. I only had one poor shot today." Torrance, who only trailed by one hole after the front nine, said: "Scott played great, it was like running into a brick wall. On the front nine we knocked the flag out every hole. The back nine was

Hoch's victory set up a 36-hole final against Greg Norman after the Australian cruised to a 5 and 4 victory over Hisayuki Sasaki, of Japan, in the other semi-final. Norman, the world No I, said: "It was a good, solid performance. I blocked a few drives, but all in all I was hitting the ball frustrating."

Burnett eases through

DARTS: Richie Burnett, of Wales, champion in 1995 and runner-up last year, cruised through his opening game in the Embassy world championship at Frimley Green. Surrey. yesterday. Burnett beat Peter Hinkley. of Australia, by 3-1 and then spoke of his relief at getting through safely. "The first round, because it is so short, is the most difficult match." he said. Burnett, 29, from Cwmparc, Glamorgan, is only seeded fourth because of lack of play in recent months.

Soma Singh injured

HOCKEY: Soma Singh, the Southgate and Great Britain defender, was rushed to hospital with a suspected broken ankle ten minutes into the first game of the Los Reyes international tournament in Barcelona on Saturday. Twice in the lead after goals from Duncan Wood, Southgate were forced to settle for a 2-2 draw against Polo Barcelona. Reading were in convincing form as they crushed FC Barcelona 10-1, Mark Pearn scoring a first-half hat-trick.

Cobras make their point

ICE HOCKEY: Newcastle Cobras must be grateful to the Superleague for deciding that a team losing in over-time will keep one point (Norman de Mesquita writes). Their 6-5 defeat to Basingstoke Bison on Saturday was their fourth over-time defeat. Trevor Redmond scoring the all-important goal in the fourth minute of the extra period. The Nottingham Panthers easily beat Manchester Storm 8-1 while Cardiff Devils outplayed Ayr Scottish Eagles 6-3.

Motorcyclist killed

MOTOR RALLYING: Jean-Pierre Leduc, the French motorcyclist, was killed yesterday in a fall during the second stage of the Dakar Rally, according to race organisers. The accident happened about halfway through the 594 kilometre stage from Tambacunda, in Senegal, to Kayes, in Mali. A fellow competitor alerted medical personnel to the accident by setting off warning flares, and a helicopter arrived on the scene within minutes, but Leduc, 45, was pronounced dead.

Pierce recovering well

TENNIS: Mary Pierce, the former Australian Open champion, upset Irina Spirlea, of Romania, the No 5 seed, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in the first round of the Sydney International yesterday. Pierce, 21, a French-Canadian, who is regaining her form after a shoulder injury, was match-rusty after a three-month lay-off, but showed some of the power that wor her the Open in 1995. Her next opponent will be Yayuk

Funaki in high spirits

SKI JUMPING: Kazuyoshi Funaki, of Japan, won the World Cup event, the third leg of the prestigious four-hill tournament, at Innsbruck on Saturday. Funaki edged out Primoz Peterka, who took the lead in the four-hill overall standings. Funaki, 21. posted jumps of 116 and 113.5 metres on the hill which hosted the 1976 Olympic Games, to earn 254.1 points. The victory was Funaki's second on the hill and the sixth by a Japanese jumper in the four-hill tournament.

Sales lifts England

CRICKET: A determined 62 from David Sales, of Northamptonshire, lifted England to a 26-run victory over Pakistan in the opening Under-19 one day international in Gujranwala on Saturday. The tourists batted first on a slow wicket and only sales achieved any real fluency in his strokeplay. But Pakistan then slipped to 134 all out after failing to recover from an impressive opening burst from Surrey's Alex Tudor, who took three for 13.

Single-minded success

TENNIS: Todd Woodbridge, the doubles specialist, won only the second singles title of his career with a 6-2, 6-1 defeat of Scott Draper, his fellow Australian, in the final of the Australian hard-court championships in Adelaide yesterday. Woodbridge, who with Mark Woodforde has formed the best doubles combination in the world, needed only 58 minutes to overwhelm Draper. "It's great to get my own name up in lights," Woodbridge said.

ICE SKATING

Gooch slips into winning role

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE British short-track championships produced the expected results at Guildford on Saturday yet still managed. to produce some exciting cli-maxes. Nicky Gooch held off a spirited challenge by Matt Jasper to win the 3,000 metres by 0.15sec, and with it the title for the fourth time.

life for a second offence but

Livingston has returned sev-

eral clean samples since his first suspension. "In the past

five weeks I have been tested

As the crisis within the

British Athletic Federation

(BAF) deepens. Malcolm Ar-

nold, the head coach, said that

a full squad would be sent to

Paris and that athletes would

not be left at home as a money-

saving exercise, as happened

with the European cross-coun-

try championships. After it

was revealed on Thursday

that Tony Ward, the BAF

spokesman since 1985, had

left, it emerged at the weekend

that Stephen Gledhill, the

federation's financial director,

Gledhill's departure comes

within 12 months of John

Lister standing down as trea-

surer after ten years in the

post. Staff at the BAF are

living on their nerves over

prospective redundancies and

morale within the federation

has never been lower.

has handed in his notice.

twice," he said.

Debbie Palmer, still recovering from a leg injury, was outpaced by a popular local 16-year-old junior. Sarah Lindsay. Palmer had, however, already built up sufficient advantage to win the women's championship for the seventh successive time,

like Jasper, by two points.

The men's 3,000 metres was change of pace or position, apart from one early sprint by Gooch to break up the steady

The tactics seemed to favour Jasper, whose strength lies in the shorter distances, but, try as he might, he could not nullify the advantage that Gooch had stolen.

There was about two metres between them at the finish. "It was tough," Gooch said, "but I always felt I had it under

Guildford results ...

control." It did not look quite that wav.

Earlier Gooch and Jasper had finished first and second respectively in the 1,500 metres and also the 500 metres, for all Gooch's preference for

Then Gooth threw the title wide open by a fail in the 1,000 metres with three laps to go. He was left to trundle home in fourth place, bringing him left. Gooth, apparently, had lost his edge completely, without any contact with other skaters, because of a loose nut in one boot.

The manifing of Lindsay is

with only that 3,000 metres

regarded by the National Ice Skating Association as an important development. Not only does her arrival provide Palmer with the spur of competition she needs - "it's been difficult without it, she admits - but at a time when the sport is avid for all the television exposure it can get. Lindsay, who is nothing if not photogenic is an obvious draw card, and more of the same type of national exposure can be expected

Gooch yesterday also won the British outdoor championship on Whittlesey Wash, Peterborough, covering the 12 mile course in 4min 26sec to take the King Edward VII Cup. Jonathan Cave. of Newborough, was second and Rob Mitchell, from Peterbor-

ATHLETICS

Livingston banks on profitable return

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

Livingston cannot be used to hearing people complain when extra cash is offered their way. But then Colin Jackson has never had the debt collectors round.

Livingston defeated Jackson twice over 60 metres on Saturday in the Birmingham Games, his first indoor competition in distinguished company since serving a four-year ban for failing a drugs test. Indoor sprinting was how Livingston made his name in 1992, winning the European title and running 6.5lsec to hold a share in the continental

Later that year he was sent home from the Olympic Games in Barcelona. Thus "Baby Ben" met the same fate as Ben Johnson, his hero. Livingston, with the same squat, muscular appearance, bullet start and shaven head as Johnson, protested his innocence but the ban stood and, instead of becoming a wealthy

young athlete, entered a per-iod of financial hardship. A father of two, now 25, he is trying to rebuild his form in athletics while holding down a nine-to-five job. "I would rather be training full-time." Liv-ingston said. But these are "exciting times", as he out it: he was referring to the introduction this year of prizemoney for world championships, indoors and out.

While outdoor world champions will receive \$60,000 (about £35,000), and indoor winners \$50,000, there will be money for at least the first three and Livingston. judging by his showing on Saturday. cannot be discounted from being on the cheque list when the prize-money is handed out at the world indoor championships in Paris in March.

Jackson, if he can repeat at world level his 1994 European double on the same track, when he won the 60 metres and 60 metres hurdles, would earn \$100,000, but feels uncomfortable at the thought. Although many top athletes,

JUST six weeks after breaking

rwo bones in his back. Leon

McGee confirmed his rapid

rehabilitation on Saturday by hitting Crystal Palace for 30

points to end a bleak period

It was hardly a coincidence

that within a game of the oft.

3in playmaker from Battle Creek, Michigan hurting him-

self at Birmingham, Leicester

embarked on a sequence of

seven successive defeats. With

Mo Ballard dislocating his

jaw in the same match and

subsequent injuries afflicting

Gene Waldron and Justin

Phoenix, the Leicester coach,

Bob Donewald, did well to

field a squad. "Take four

starters out of any team in this

league and see how well they

do," he said after Leicester's

91-81 win in the National

Sports Centre had put them

within sight again of a place in

the Budweiser League play-

is obviously back to his old

self," Donewald enthused.

"Leon's still a bit sore but he

or Leicester Riders.

AS A debt collector, Jason Michael Johnson among them, and their agents argued long and loud for prize-money at world championships, Jackson feels that money obscures the view of the medal.

"It is a shame they have prize-money for the championships," Jackson said. "We have the grand prix circuit for that. People should get ready for championships to win, not to finish as high up as you can so you can get the money. We have a lot of money given out in the grand prix final and a lot given out in the Golden Four. It takes away from the importance of winning the

medal." Jackson was unfazed by his double defeat, saying that, after five weeks training in Australia, he had not adjusted to the cold; he had not raced since August, nor was the occasion sufficiently important to fire him up. After two lean years. Jackson, still the sprint hurdles world recordholder indoors and out, is returning to a full indoor

Perhaps a busy indoor programme will help to resurrect the old Jackson. He will be 30 next month, still prime age for sprint hurdling. Admitting to failing power and rhythm last year, when he was fourth in the Olympics, Jackson said: "I

have to learn to sprint again." In their first race, Livingston recorded 6.69sec, Jackson 6.70sec. In the second, Livingston ran 6.66sec, Jackson 6.72sec. Livingston was not far off the 6.61sec he recorded in the corresponding meeting of 1992. If he can find another 0.10sec by February, as he did then, it should ensure his place in the Great Britain

team for Paris. However, competition for the two places is fierce. Apart from Jackson and Livingston, there is Darren Braithwaite. the runner-up in the last world indoor championships, in Barcelona two years ago, Jason Gardener, the world No 6 last year, and Ian Mackie, perhaps. Mackie will have a

BASKETBALL

McGee ends Leicester's pain

By Nicholas Harling

"But it has been a bit of a

nightmare. With everyone but

Waldron back I was hopeful

but we have only had two

practices as a unit and I didn't

really think we could sustain a

in the first quarter when a

McGee three-pointer was the

only interruption to a Palace

run of 13 points, inspired by

Paul Grant, that swept his

team into a narrow interval

lead of 44-38. Soon after the

resumption, Leicester, helped

by Phoenix and Nate Reinking

(who each finished with 15

points) and Andy Betts (14) -

and lamentable Palace shoot-

ing - produced their own

surge of 19-4. From that, there

was no way back for Palace

whose coach, Alton Byrd, com-

mented briefly: "We had a

period of time where offensive-

ly we couldn't execute." About

Results and table

It certainly looked that way



to aim for Paris after the Scottish championships on

Asked how it felt to be back. Livingston sounded less than enthusiastic. "It felt OK," he said. "There were no butterflies in my stomach but I know there are bigger tests to come.

British 5,000 metres record-

holder, suffered her second

successive World Cross Chall-

enge series defeat on Satur-

day when she finished fourth

in the Coca-Cola Internation-

al cross country in Belfast (David Powell writes).

Radcliffe, trying to race herself back to fitness after a

knee injury, and with the

world championships in Tu-

rin in March as her target,

faced an even tougher field in

Belfast than she had in

Co Durham the previous

weekend. She has come

the only bright spot for Byrd

was the form of Solomon

Ayinla, whose 25 points kept

Elsewhere, Paul Depisch hit

five three-pointers among his

21 points to help the champi-

ons. London Towers, win 101-

88 at Newcastle Eagles. Only

when the game was won and lost did Michael New manage

to penetrate at close quarters

for the Eagles. Emerging from a first half that yielded only four points, the American centre eventually finished as

the game's top-scorer with 23.

up 21 points but his tally came

from seven three-pointers for

Derby Storm, 109-92 winners

over Thames Valley Tigers.

Worthing Bears looked like

becoming the first team this

season to lose to Hernel

Hempstead Royals when they

trailed 14-2 but the American.

James Hamilton, returning after spraining his left ankle.

sank 44 points in Worthing's

110-84 victory - the best

individual tally of the season.

Tim Lascelles also rattled

Palace in the game.

better idea whether he intends I have been through too much to let things like this bother

end, taking on Gete Wami,

the world champion from

third behind Wami and Elena

Fidatov. from Romania.

However, the Belfast organ-

isers also brought in Iulia

Negura, the European cham-

pion. from Romania, and the

In Durham. Raddiffe was

Ethiopia, at both venues.

me "A lot of people who spoke to me in 1992 do not speak to me now. I still want it badly enough but the difference is that now my family comes first." While Livingston works in Carshalton, and trains at

PAULA RADCLIFFE. the straight back in at the deep

Crystal Palace, his girlfriend, Aisha, and children live in Cardiff, where Aisha is a

student "It would be nice to make a world championships, a ma-

jor games, because I have been watching enough of them on the box." Livingston added. Ben Johnson was banned for Radcliffe left out of the running

15min 39sec. outsprinting

Negura, with Wami three seconds behind the winner. There was a long gap to Raddiffe, but encouraging for Britain was the continued good form of Lucy Elliott who, having been fourth in Durham, was fifth in Belfast. Rob Denmark, who finished seventh, was the leading British finisher in the men's

Bedford athlete finished well behind all three of them. The race was won Fidatov, who had finished behind Radeliffe in the Olympic 5,000 metres final in Atlanta. Fidatov recorded

race. Jon Brown, after beating Daniel Komen, the 3,000 metres world record-holder, in Durham, did not run in Belfast. Milion Wolde, from Ethiopia, was a narrow winner.

CYCLING

Clarke makes most of warm-up chance

By Peter Bryan

WHILE most of the country's

night.
I had planned to ride two races this weekend in prepara-

That may turn out to be championship. He is thirsting for revenge.

tion for the 'national'." he said yesterday. "but the cold has persisted and now gone to my chest. It's not looking good at all as far as I'm concerned for the championship race."

good news for Barrie Clarke, the rider who is in the best form at present and who finished second to Craig in an exciting finish to last year's

Clarke and Richard Allaway, spiritedly gearing up their training before their encounter in the national championship, agreed to make vesterday's Crabwood ló miles event a handicap race "to make it more interesting" and started 24 minutes after the main field of 60.

The Southampton circuit was rock hard and the temperature resolutely refused to move above freezing but neither appeared to bother Clarke, who caught the leaders at the end of the south lap and powered into the lead and won with 70 seconds to spare Welsh-born Jamie Norfolk.

Rob Hurd, an early leader managed a place on the podium by crossing the line third, lmin 21sec down on Clarke. "It was just what I wanted today." Clarke said, after his victory. "a good work-out and an untroubled run before the championship."

leading cyclo-cross riders chose to avoid a clash with their likely rivals in the British championship, which will be held at Sutton Coldiield next Sunday. Nick Craig, the titleholder, was nursing a severe cold at his home in Stockport that has kept him out of competition for the past fort-

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The four skaters in the final

had peeled off 23 of the 27 laps before the race sprang to life.

In the women's 500 metres

Apart from Jasper, of Nottingham, all belonged to the Aldwych Club, at Guildford. a tactical race, as it often is on the athletics track. For the most part, there was little

the longer distances.

level with Jasper on 11 points

ough, third.

course

new year

er, with four grand-slam delighted to have done that so singles titles to his name, quickly in the new year.

against Arazi, he showed that

he had learnt from his mis-

takes and was ready to take

have learnt from the past and

reaching my first final is the reward for that. My ambition

at the start of this year was to

reach a tour final and I'm

quickly in the new year. I sensed it was a real opportunity against Arazi and I am

Courier is a far tougher nut to crack, though. By the end of last year, he had dropped out of the top 25 for the first time in

eight years and he is deter-mined to force his way back up the ladder. Once Courier

sets his mind to something,

nothing will distract him. Not

the most talkative of souls, he

allows his racket and the

occasional scowl to get his

gain the advantage, trading breaks of service with

Herman at the start of the first

set before winning it 7-5. The two men had never met before

in competition but they have practised together a few times

and Courier knew what to

expect. His plan was simple:

whenever he saw Henman at

the net, he aimed to drill the

ball past him as hard and as

fast as possible. Subtlety is not

one of Courier's strong suits.

- However, if there is one

thing that has set Henman

Yesterday he had to work to

message across.

happy I took the chance."

his place against Courier.

TIM HENMAN achieved his

first goal of the new year when he reached an ATP Tour final

for the first time on Saturday

but he could not quite manage

to go one better and win the event, succembing 7-5, 6-7, 6-2 to Jim Courier in the final of

the Qatar Open in Doha

To put Herman's achieve-ment into perspective, Couri-

represented Henman's first

serious challenge of the week.

the former world No I. Henman had only to see off

Tamar el Sawy, who may be

Egypt's top player but hardly

cuts a dash on the world stage;

Magnus Gustafsson, the No 5

seed, whom Henman had already beaten in straight, if

tight, sets at Wimbledon; and Hicham Arazi, of Morocco.

On Saturday, Arazi, the world No 78, was the player to

wilt under the pressure of Henman's serving and volley-

ing, losing the semi-final 6-3,

Regardless of the opponent

and where he stands in the

world order, though, the

matches still have to be won

and Herman seems to have

lost none of the momentum he

During that year he reached seven semi-finals but could

not quite find the extra re-

sources needed to go one step

further. Given his chance

2-6, 6-2 in 84 minutes.

gathered during 1996.

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ter, but the tactical ploys of Vienna kept them in the

predicament against MIM. who quickly established a 3-0 r gallantly to lead 4-3 after

from open play. For Canberra, Barrett and Bott scored from open play. They were disappointed, but, from the way that they played, they dispelled any notion that Australians do not take indoor hockey seriously. Old Loughtonians failed to

salvage something from the tournament by losing 54 to . Vienna in the play-off for third place. Hector revived -Old

Loughtonians' hopes by levelling the score at 44 from a corner, but Grassberger scored the winning goal in the dying seconds. He had scored twice earlier



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A rejuvenated Courier shows off the spoils of his victory over Henman in the final of the Qatar Open yesterday

may win, he may lose, but either way he is not fazed by the situation. I try to be in control of my emotions on court because that's when I play at my best," he said. But after outwitting Courier in the second-set tie-break, which he won 7-5. Henman relaxed for a moment and that was all the American needed to take charge of the match.

No matter. Henman has apart from his predecessors as the torch-bearer of British taken a big step in the last hopes, it is his will power. He seven days. His hopes for the

new year had been to reach that first final, work on his physical strength and improve his ranking. The latter is guaranteed — he will move up a few notches from his present position of 29 when the rankings are announced this morning. As for the rest, Hemman is already ahead of schedule as he makes his way to Melbourne for the first grand-slam event of the year. "On the positive side, I am playing better and better," he

and it's given me lots of confidence for the Australian Open. The way I played instilled more belief that I can become a good player and if I can have good weeks on and off the court, there is no reason why I can't beat a couple of top players."
The coming 12 months will

be a much sterner test of Henman's capabilities than the heady days of 1996. His

said. "I've had a great week

they are up against when they see his name on the drawsheet and Henman must repeat his feats of last year and do better if he is to continue his rise up the rankings.

Like Courier, he is eager to move up, although he is too well-mannered to grunt and growl as he does it. Nevertheless, the determination is fierce and Henman's performance in Doha has provided an eloquent statement of in**MOTOR RACING**

Williams says he will attend trial over Senna

BY OLIVER HOLT

FRANK WILLIAMS last night spoke for the first time about the worries surrounding his impending trial for manslaughter after the death of Ayrton Senna, the Formula One motor racing world champion, and his eagerness to appear in an Italian court in

person to clear his name. The Williams team owner revealed that he and the other two members of his team who had charges brought against them last month - Patrick Head, his technical director. and Adrian Newey, his chief designer - will waive their right not to attend the trial next month, and travel to imola.

The trial is due to begin on February 20, at a small courtroom normally used for handing out speeding fines, more than 33 months after Senna's Williams-Renault smashed into a concrete wall at the Tamburello corner during the San Marino Grand Prix. The report into his death is thought to blame the accident on the failure of a weld on the car's steering column, a charge that Williams disputes. "It is inevitable that I will

go," Williams said at the announcement of a new sponsorship deal with the City firm, Henderson Investors, in London. "Why would I not go? I know one is not obliged to but I think it is correct that I should go to represent the company. It is my job. At least in the early stages, I expect that Patrick and Adrian will be there, too, but I think it could go on for quite some

"It has been hanging around for more than 30 months now so there is an element of relief that the thing is finally starting. It has been a worry but not really a strain. A death has to be investigated in Italy and nothing is above the

law. and I am participating very willingly in the investigation. There is, though, a great deal about the report and the way it occurred that bothers

Williams is also facing the possibility of a court case to resolve a contractual dispute with Newey, who is being wooed by McLaren. He admitted that the team's off-track troubles would make it more difficult for it to maintain its recent dominance in the sport in the coming season. If the verdict went the wrong way. he said, it would have a



Williams: worries

negative effect on the team. "It is a logical thing to say that a negative outcome would not be good for the team," he said. It would be about reput-

ation more than anything else. The wrong verdict would be a stigma over the company. While motor racing people may consider it a racing accident no matter what the verdict, 95 per cent of people outside motor racing would look at it and think that's bad'. It all just makes the challenge for the team all the greater next season.*

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SQUASH

Egyptians

lead race

for youth

honours

By COLIN McOULLAN

IF THERE is to be a home

success from the boys' events

in the Commercial Union

Late surge earns title champions

By Sydney Friskin

MURRAY international Metals (MIM), the Scottish champions, reaffirmed their indoor skills by winning the DTZ Midlands international tournament at Kidderminster yesterday. They beat Canberra, the Australian side, 86 in the final.

Most of the drama was packed into the second half, with MIM gaining the upper hand from a profusion of corners. In a tight finish, they scored twice to frustrate Can-berra, who had levelled the score at 6-6 with four minutes

MIM. from Edinburgh, scraped through their semi-final against Old Loughtonians, the English champions, 43. Their 3-1 lead was cancelled out by goals from corners by Thompson and Lee, but within a minute Chowdry won the match for MIM from open

In the other semi-final, Canberra had lived dangerously against Vienna and came back from 3-0 down to win 8-6 with late goals by Barrett and McLennan. Canberra were superior individually and fit-

Canberra were in the same lead. Canberra fought back missing a penalty stroke, but found MIM a different proposition. In the battle for supremacy at corners, three were converted by MIM, with Smyth hitting the target twice, and he scored a third goal

SNOOKER: OPENING SESSION IN BIRMINGHAM FINAL UNDERLINES THAT O'SULLIVAN STILL HAS A BIG GAP TO BRIDGE

Hendry's excellence puts him in pole position

No I and world champion, he has successfully identified, then repelled, any potential challengers to his continued supremary. It was in that regard that Hendry embarked on a mission yesterday. In establishing a 6-2 lead over

Ronnie O'Sullivan in the final of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge at Birmingham, Hendry did considerably more than move to within three frames of the £30,000 first prize and the 61st title of his career. By winning the Asian Classic and beating Hendry 5-2 on the way to

Hendry's grip on the game's leading

"At this point I'd have to agree that Ronnie has taken over from John (Higgins) as my main threat," Hendry said, after defeating Alan McManus 6-5 in an enthralling, high-quality semi-final on Saturday "Ronnie's been in the wilderness

for a couple of seasons but now he's back as a force again." While that may indeed be true,

Hendry's excellence during yester-day's first session underlined the fact that O'Sullivan still has a gap to

FOR SCOTTIST

BY PHIL YATES

SUCCESS at the German Open last month, O'Sullivan has re-emerged as the most likely candidate to loosen the most likely candidate to loosen Hendry's grip on the game's leading to push him. He enjoys the challenge of fashion a decisive clearance. The having someone snapping at his

tury breaks against McManus, carried his record total for the event to seven with runs of 110 in the opening frame 129 in the third and 136, his third total clearance of the week, in the seventh. The Scot, who has now constructed

367 century breaks in professional competition, also put together contri-butions of 44 and 97 but O'Sullivan's most painful reverse arrived in a frame during which Hendry failed to compile a break of any great

In the fourth, Hendry led 52-0

mistake made the difference between

quently potted brown and blue to forge on.
O'Sullivan was left with the unenviable task of requiring seven of the remaining nine frames in order to win the tournament for the second year in succession while Hendry looked an overwhelming favourite to secure a £100,000 donation for his

3-1 and 4-0 for Hendry, who subse-

charity, the National Playbus Ironically, Hendry's performance gave O'Sullivan's pre-match com-

heels." he said, after a 6-1 semi-final dismissal of Peter Ebdon, who himself had high hopes of winning this

"Stephen realises that he's got to play well to beat me and knowing the way he ticks, that is precisely how he

"It's all a matter of motivation with him and in some respects what I've done over the past few months has done Stephen a favour. Mind you, if I

British junior open squash championships in Sheffield, it will have to come in the face of overwhelming opposition play my best, I expect to beat him."
PNAL: S Hendry (Scot) leads R O'Sulvan (Eng. 6-2
Frame scores (Hendry Inst): 110-25, 59-31, 129-0,
67-46, 10-107, 129-9, 136-0, 23-66 from Egypt

Three Egyptians reached the under-19 semi-finals, along with John Russell, of Kent, while James Willstrop. from Yorkshire, also faces an Egyptian in the under-14 final Shahid Zaman, from Paki-

stan, a nephew of the former world No 2, Oamar Zaman, and Spain's Alberto Manso will play today's under-16 final after resisting fierce Egyptian semi-final challenges yesterday.
Willstrop, 13, defeated
Moustafa Essam, from Egypt,

9-1, 9-4, 9-2 in just 24 minutes yesterday. Today he meets the smallest 13-year-old in the field, Yasser El Halaby, who ran with astonishing speed and durability for 37 minutes to defeat Clinton Gallard, of Kent. 9-2, 7-9, 9-0, 9-1.

The Egyptian development has been triggered by the recent success of Ahmed Barada at junior and senior levels. Government money and private sponsorship has poured into the game to finance a clutch of international tournaments and a host of vounesters fascinated by

the idea of emulating Barada. The girls' quarter-finals vesterday produced one under-14 victory for Egypt through the 9-5, 9-5, 10-8 win of Omneya Ali Abdel Kawi over Tina Rix. of Hampshire, and a near miss when Engy Kheirallah went down to Dominique Lloyd-Walter of Kent, 9-4, 4-9,

9-5, 9-7. Russell, a thorn in Egyptian players' sides during the world junior championships in Cairo last year, started in Sheffield by defeating Mo-hammed Diaa, from Egypt. He then defeated Tino Casas. of Spain, Olli Tuominen, of Finland, and Yorkshire's Adam Stevenson to reach the under-19 semi-final last night against Amr Shabana, from

Another Egyptian is certain to reach today's under-19 final when the top-seeded world junior champion, Admed Faizy, faces Karim El

SKIING: SWISS CLAIMS PLACE BESIDE STENMARK ON ROLL OF HONOUR

League newcomers end Elway's dream

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE Jacksonville Jaguars, a produced one of the biggest upsets of recent National Football League (NFL) history on Saturday when they beat this season's best team. Denver Broncos, in Colorado, to move within one victory of an appearance in the Super Bowl.

The Jaguars fought back from a 12-0 first-quarter deficit to sneak past the Broncos 30-27, despite a desperate late drive from the Denver quarterback, John Elway, Jacksonville's win destroyed Elway's best chance of capping his decorated career with a win in the Super Bowl after coming

close so many times before. Denver finished the regular season with a record of 13 wins and three defeats while Jacksorville had to win their last five games just to grab the last wild-card play-off berth. But last week, they beat Buffalo Bills at Rich Stadium and on Saturday they went one better. Only the winner of last night's game between Piusburgh Steelers and New England Patriots stands between them and a trip to New Orleans on .

January 26. The Jaguars, a collection of ly-rated NFL newcomers, down passes from their quarterback. Mark Brunell, and the rushing of their running back. Natrone Means, who also scored a touchdown.

quarterbacks in the league. team that played their first tried to rally the Broncos. He game just 16 months ago. orchestrated a field-long drive to bring them to within three points of their opponents but the Jaguars kept possession late in the game to stifle any other opportunities. "We should have put them away in the first half," Elway said. In Saturday's other game,

San Francisco 49ers were soundly beaten by Green Bay Packers on a cold, wet and windy day at Lambeau Field in Wisconsin. Playing most of the game without their quarterback, Steve Young, who had badly-bruised ribs, the 49ers had no answer to the passing of Brett Favre or the Green Bay running game.

Edgar Bennett and Des-mond Howard returned a punt 71 yards as the Packers routed the 49ers 35-14. They have now won 17 consecutiv games at Lambeau Field and 27 of their last 28 matches there. They will play the winner of last night's match between Carolina Panthers and the reigning champions. Dallas Cowboys, next weekend for a place in the Super

The Cowboys have knocked the Packers out of the play-offs cast-offs, has beens and poor- in each of the last three seasons but they have always were inspired by two touch had home-field advantage and have never had to venture into northern Wisconsin at the

a very difficult and bumpy hill, but such conditions have always favoured me.

height of winter.

If they get past Carolina, that is what will face them and Jacksonville had extended the Packers fans were baying their lead to 30-20 early in the for the chance of revenge in Photograph, page 35 | fourth quarter when Elway, the later stages of Saturday's cane of the greatest comeback game.

Von Gruenigen trounces opposition Gora. I am very proud to have and take a medal at the world

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MICHAEL Von Gruenigen, of Switzerland, surprised even himself vesterday when he won a men's World Cup giant slalom at Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, by the unexpected margin of 1.64sec.

Von Gruenigen, the World Cup holder in the discipline, produced two near-perfect runs on the demanding Podkoren piste for a total time of 2min 13.42sec. It was his second triumph of the season. His usual smooth and elegant style left Siegfried Voghreiter, of Austria, a dis-tant second in 2min 15.06sec, with Kjetil-Andre Aamodt, of

"I am amazed at how strong I was today," Von Gruenigen said. "I was not expecting to win by such a big margin. It is

Norway, third in 2min

"One of my goals has always been to win on all the classic giant slalom slopes. Now I have completed this list with my victory here and at Alta Badia [in December]. If you look at the golden book of ski racing, then you can see that all the big names - such as [Ingemar] Stenmark -

my name on this list."

Last winter, Von Gruenigen, 27, who now has nine World Cup victories, won the Adelboden, Switzerland, on his way to his maiden World Cup title in the event. have won here in Kranjska [World Cup] giant slalom title

My goals are to defend my



Von Gruenigen speeds to victory in Slovenia yesterday

who won giant slalom and slalom bronze medals at the world championships in Sierra Nevada last year, said. Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden, increased her lead in the

overall World Cup competition by winning a women's slalom in Maribor, Slovenia, yesterday.

Wiberg, who was fastest on the first run, was not put off by deteriorating conditions and clocked the best aggregate time of Imin 44.55sec. Urska Hrovat delighted

championships |in Sestriere, next month]," Von Gruenigen,

home crowds in Slovenia's second largest city with second place in Imin 45.32sec. Lara Magoni, of Italy, improved from seventh place after the first run to finish third with lmin 46.46sec, her best World Cup performance.

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BOWLS: PRICE TREADS WELL WORN TRAIL INTO LAST FOUR OF WELSH INDOOR TITLE

Trousdale's smash-and-grab tactics fail

gentle game was hit firmly on the head on Friday at Cardiff, Ffrith Stadium in Prestatyn. when a jack was smashed in the quarter-finals of the CIS (Insurance) Welsh indoor singles championship (David

Rhys Jones writes). The culprit was Rodney Trousdale, a 29-year-old crown green bowler from Ellesmere Port, who has turned his attention to the flat years. green game during the winter

THE IDEA that bowls is a across Offa's Dyke several attacking bowls," Trousdale Wales, Price will play Gareth gentle game was hit firmly on times a week to play at the said. "I was spot-on target but Williams, 23, the Welsh junior times a week to play at the The incident, which left two halves of the jack several feet of damage."

The little white ball was apart on the rink, came towards the end of a match in which Trousdale was beaten. 21-11, by John Price, who is hoping to win the national title for the fifth time in succession and for the ninth time in 17

"John was getting on top, so months, when he travels I was forced into playing will be televised by BBC- the other semi-final.

I didn't think I had put enough force behind it to do that sort

duly replaced and the end replayed in the same direction: but Trousdale's aggression failed to disturb Price, who went on to clinch his place in next week's semi-finals at Llanelli.

In the semi-finals, which

captain and the Welsh Champions All title-holder.

Wilkins, 21-15, scoring a full house to win on the 25th end. Earlier, he had scored a four on the 8th, and a three on the 14th, Robert Weale, who plays for Radnorshire in Llandrindod Wells, meets John Downey, from Merthyr Tydfil, in

Williams broke a 15-15 deadlock to beat Earlswood's Keith

Egypt.

Four sent off as **Juventus** crash at Parma

By Our Sports Staff

JUVENTUS, the European champions, are coming under increasing pressure in Serie A after defeat at Parma yesterday in an ill-tempered match. A goal from Mario Chiesa in the second minute settled a contest in which both sides had two players sent off.

Torricelli was dismissed for a second bookable offence shortly before half-time and the Parma forwards. Chiesa Juventus, all followed for rough play between the 64th and 66th minutes.

Vicenza took advantage of Parma's return to form by beating Bologna 2-0 to move into second place, three points behind Juventus. Marcelo Otero, their Uruguayan striker, scored both goals.

Samodoria and nazionale also won, Sampdoria beating Udinese 5-4 with the help of a hat-trick from Roberto Mancini while the

European results Distinctive Duffy ...

Milan side got the better of Roma by a 3-1 margin. In Spain, an 87th-minute

goal by Juan Pizzi, a substitute, gave Barcelona a deserved 1-0 victory at Deportivo La Coruña, which lifted them a point clear of Real Madrid. who were due to play Athletic Bilbao last night.

The game marked the return to form of Ronaldo, the Brazilian striker, who has not scored for five games. Ronaldo hit the woodwork and had another effort cleared off the line for Bobby Robson's side.

Pizzi had been on the field only two minutes when his header was deflected past the

There were two goals for another Brazilian striker, Mario Jardel, in Porto's 3-1 home win over Guimaraes which extended the Portugese champions' unbeaten run this season and maintained their five-point lead at the top.

Benfica, who beat Leca 5-1, are second and meet Porto next Saturday in one of Portugal's most eagerly-awaited games of the season.

FOOTBALL: NEWCASTLE PAY FOR GOALKEEPING ERROR IN FA CUP THIRD-ROUND TIE

Hislop hands replay to Charlton

Newcastle United 1

By DAVID MILLER

THE oddest of FA Cup fies: joyous for Charlton Athletic, in holding lofty Newcastle United to a draw yesterday. frustrating for the visitors and unsatisfactory for any neutral. Charlton, midway down the

Nationwide League first division, had the better of no more than an opening spell in either half, yet took Newcastle, who are still searching for a touch that seems lost, to a second meeting, tomorrow week. after two clumsy goals - the first poorly struck and the second poorly saved - and after two clear penalties had been inexplicably denied by

The detail will not dilute the satisfaction, on a chill afternoon, for Charlton spectators anxious to revive the Cup runs that first awakened my own interest just after the Second World War: defeat at Wernbley at the hands of the inimitable Doherty and Carter, then victory over Burnley. The Valley was throbbing again, though nowadays a full house means 15,000 rather than the 80,000 that was possible in my youth.

Sam Bartram, hero of those days, would have envied the save by Andy Petterson, an Australian goalkeeper of modest experience, that prevented Beardsley from sealing victory for Newcastle with 17 minutes remaining. Breaking clear on the right of a Charlton defence caught pressing forward in search of an equaliser, Beardsley let rip a fearsome shot from the edge of the penalty area which Petterson, with fine judgment, pulled out of the air high to his right.

Six minutes later. Mark Kinsella scored the equalising goal that rewarded Charlton more for effort than talent. Although they had attacked Newcastle's suspect defence regularly, they had penetrated as far as Hislop only occasionally. When Kinsella now tested him severely for the only time in the match, Hislop was found wanting.

There had seemed no danger. Charlton were working a tight move out on the right touchline, seemingly hemmed in by Newcastle markers, when the ball was slipped left to Kinsella. He benefited from Lee's vain interception and,



Kinsella holds off Ferdinand's challenge to score Charlton Athletic's late equaliser at The Valley yesterday

with no warning, he made five yards and let fly from way out. Histop saw the shot all the way, got his hands to the ball. yet allowed it to slip through his grasp. "The goalkeeper should have had it," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said. "I'm sure he will be disappointed."

Unless something goes seriously adrift at St James' Park, Newcastle should reach the fourth round and a home tie against Nottingham Forest. but this often ragged match confirmed that their decline in the FA Carling Premiership has identifiable roots, most notably the lack of intelligent

football from the back. Newcastle's dominance of much of the match was dependent on the evergreen skills,

and the experience, of the mercurial Beardsley in central midfield, tucked in behind Shearer and Ferdinand, and upon the first-half dynamism of Lee, returning to his former home ground. The goal that Lee scored after 32 minutes, however, could only be the goal of the month if it were the only goal of the month, a bizarre tale of two mis-hits.

A long cross from the wing was headed down by a straining Shearer, and at the first attempt Lee missed the ball completely. Chapple, arriving late, also failed to connect with a sliding challenge, and at the second attempt. Lee was able to beat Petterson with a shot that came unintentionally off

the outside of the foot. greater effect, for Charlton now pushed forward with The first, and more obvious,

of the disputable penalty verdicts came, significantly for Charlton, two minutes before they went one down. On the half-hour, Robson, a constant thorn in Newcastle's side. probed down the left wing. Whyte crossed, Newcastle hesitated and, in a scramble on the far side of the penalty area, Newton was blatantly pulled off the ball by the shoulder by Beresford. The referee was

from only a few yards, but astonishingly saw nothing Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, questioned Mr Allison about his decision at half-time, but his words with his players were able to have

looking straight at the incident

intent, if mainly without effect They were fortunate to be doing so only one goal behind, Lee having struck a post with almost the last kick of the first Now came Petterson's mem-

orable save and Kinsella's equaliser. In the remaining ten minutes, Newcastle might have snatched victory. Shearer clearly had his foot taken when Petterson dived at a loose ball which he failed to reach, while Clark was only denied by a timely tackle from

KUTUS.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-3-3): A Peterson — A Barness, R Rufus, P Chapple, F Shugess — M Robson, M Kinselte, E O'Conneil (sub: K Jones, 80mm) — S Newton, C Leaburn, D Whyte.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-3-1-2): S Histor, S Watson, D Peacock, P Albert, Berestord — L Clark, D Batty, R Les — P Beardsley — A Shearer, L Ferdinand.

Reference 7 Allison.

Culverhouse's rapid red card sinks Swindon

Swindon Town0

By PETER BALL

FOOTBALL matches are meant to last 90 minutes. Everton's FA Cup third round tie with Swindon lasted 52 seconds as a competitive game, the time it took lan Culverhouse to set a new and unwanted record as the quickest ever dismissal in FA Cup history.

By the finish, Swindon, with Elkins also sent off for a second bookable offence, were down to nine men but the damage had been done much earlier. In Everton's first attack, Culverhouse was adjudged to have handled as he flung himself to block Andrei Kanchelskis's shot on the goalline. His protests that the ball had hit his chest were unavailing. Neale Barry produced the red card and Kanchelskis hit home the penalty, leaving Swindon a goal down and facing the remaining 39 minutes with ten men.

My player is adamant he didn't handle, and if that's the case the referee's ruined a perfectly good game," Steve McMahon, the Swindon man-ager, said. "The game is over

we're down to ten men. "It's such a big anti-climax. We had prepared so well and our expectations were so high. We thought we had a heck of a chance. Everton have been going through a tricky period and if ever there was a right time to catch them, this was it. - but not with ten men. -

as a contest because it's not

only given a goal away but

The gaps in the stands revealed the depths of uncertainty on Merseyside, and Everton's unbalanced team, the result of a rash of injuries and suspensions, left them looking vulnerable. But if anything was geared to settle their nerves after two successive home defeats, it was an early goal. Their cares fell away.

Yet Swindon took some credit for their immediate reaction, even if by the end their spirit had declined. Initially, their response to losing one of their three central defenders was to play with two, keeping the balance of the team elsewhere. It was a high

risk policy and at times they were in danger of being overrun. They escaped that but, sadly, fortune did not favour the brave. Southall and the woodwork denying them reward for some

attacking.
Instead an error by Walters. under-hitting a back-pass which presented Nick Barmby with the second goal after 18 minutes, was where the match really ended as a contest.

Yet in between the opening two goals, only Southall's brilliant save kept out Horlock's header, and after the second Swindon came even closer. Walters received the ball from Allison, spotted Southall off his line, but was frustrated as his beautifully judged chip came back off the bar, a poor reward for a piece of audacious skill.

It was not to be Walters' day on his return to Merseyside. Before the interval the former



Ferguson: third goal

Liverpool player had pulled up himping after bursting past Barrett, and his contribution had ended by half-time.

Swindon reshuffled again, but before their new formation, reverting to three at the back, could prove effective Ferguson added Everton's third with a leaping header, and all that remained was for Elkins to be sent off quarter of an hour before the end for pulling down Ferguson, having already been booked for a

ing already been booked for a funge at Kanchelskis.

EVERTON (3-1-4-2): N Southal — E Bernett, D Welson, R Dunn — P Rideou — A Kanchelskis, N Barmby, G Stuarl, G Speed — M Branch, D Ferguson (aub. A Grant, Birmin).

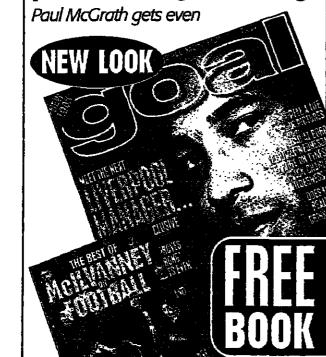
SWINDON TOWN (3-5-2): F Digby — M Seagraves, I Culterhouse, G Elvins — M Pobriston, S. Lietch, L Collins (aub. W O'Sullivan, 45), M Walters (aub. J Dryadale, 42), K Horstock — S Cowe (sub. K Watson, 79), W Allson, Reviewer, N Barry.

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John Barnes on following Roy Evans

'Everything I've done since leaving United has been to prove Alex Ferguson wrong'



THE ESSENTIAL FOOTBALL MONTHLY

Perez performs and Sunderland breathe again

Sunderland .

By Brian Glanville

AT HALF-TIME, Arsenal's players told their manager, Arsène Wenger. that they should have had a penalty. Sunderland's players told their manager, Peter Reid, it was a case of unintentional handball. Neither manager had observed what happened when, close to the interval, Lionel Perez. Sunderland's French goalkeeper, blocked Hartson's header from Winterburn's in-swinging corner, Bould struck the ball back, and Melville's upstretched hand stopped it on the line.

"I've seen them given and I've seen them not given." Reid said, philosophically. Had Arsenal then scored from the spot, making the score 2-1, it is probable they would have gone on to win this FA Cup third round tie.

"We played well for one hour and in the last half-hour, we didn't have the resources to put Sunderland under pressure." Wenger said. It may be physical, or [we were] mentally tired."

Or it may just be that Arsenal still lack the midfield creator to do the unexpected. In the absence of David Platt, who hardly possesses such qualities, and the deferential Remi Garde, a Northern Ireland defender of modest capabilities, Morrow, was given a central midfield role beside

Patrick Vieira. Geese can turn into swans at times, but this was not one of those occasions.

Nor could Arsenal simply give the ball to Ian Wright and let him get on with it. Wright was suspended; as John Hartson will be for the replay at

Wenger admitted he was looking for a new player who might even be acquired in the next three days. There were rumours outside the stadium that it might be Marco Simone, the Milan striker forever in and out of their team. But what Arsenal clearly need is another Liam Brady, though a George Eastham would surely do.

Both managers praised the goalkeeping of Perez Magnifico, as they say in France," enthused Reid, before conceding this was actually what they said in Liverpool. "Unorthodox, but a lot of continental keepers save with the feet as well as

Perez frequently did both. Solid is not quite the word for him. He will not catch if he can punch, will not hold if he can block. But he denied

Arsenal time and again. In the third minute, when Hartson served Bergkamp, Perez narrowly diverted the cross-shot. He blocked that header from Hartson. He blocked Merson's right-footed drive after Arsenal's outstanding player had cleverly gone by the ever-energetic Gray. In the first minute of

the second half, he saved superbly

from Merson, after Arsenal's most

Merson, and Hartson again, were also subsequently denied. Hartson had beaten Perez with a

header off the bar from Merson's long cross after 11 minutes... Sunderland's unexpected equaliser came midway through the first half. Mullin adroitly controlled the ball with his back to goal, and laid it off

The Sunderland players celebrated with one of those strange, sub-Masonic rituals.

for Gray to drive it in hard and low.

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SUNDERIAND (3-5-2)* L. Perez — G. Hall, A. Metville,
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Williams, 5-9, M. Gray, D. Kubidd — M. Bridges (autr. S.
Alatan, 77.). J. Mullin (sub: C. Russell, 60).
Referee: S. Dunn.

Plucky Cowan proves Horton's saving grace

Queens Park Rangers .. 1 Huddersfield Town 1

By WALTER GAMMIE

AS Tony Norman, the Huddersfield Town goalkeeper, lay wounded in the penalty area at Loftus Road on Saturday, hamstring ripped in bending for a back-pass. Brian Horton, the manager, and a clutch of players held an animated forum on the

With no reserve goalkeeper on the bench, bids were raining in to take over for the remaining hour of the all Nationwide League first-division FA Cup third-round tie. I had three or four volunteers and I didn't fancy any of them," Horion said. "Bully [Darren Bullock] would normally do it but he'd got a sore hand." Finally, as Norman hobbled off, he peeled off his green jersey and handed it to Tom Cowan, the full back, who towers at 5ft 8in or 5ft

8½ in by his own estimation. Fifty-eight minutes later. Cowan was on the verge of a final, tumultuous reception that would probably have seen him borne back to Yorkshire on the shoulders of the highspirited travelling contingent, when he was beaten by Mark Hateley, with whom he had shared winning the Scottish

League at Rangers in 1991. Hateley's equaliser was rather better crafted than anything else Rangers produced

their manager, called a "get-it, give-it away" display. Hateley craned his neck to find his range and placed his 20-yard shot inside the post, past a scrambling Cowan, before wheeling away to salute the boo-boys who had greeted his arrival as substitute.

Earlier. Cowan had denied another of the Ibrox class of 91. stopping the ball dead with his feet as John Spencer headed down Impey's corner and then scooping away his follow-up shot. Spencer greet-ed his friend's intervention with a notably unsentimental

"Don't forget we scored a good goal of our own," Cowan said although I would have saved it." Roberts was, in fact, given no chance as Crosby rammed in a ball pulled back by Edwards in the 64th

Horton was certainly impressed by his choice of stand-"Scotland might have found a goalkeeper," he said. Negotiations for the role as star-turn, fourth-choice 'keeper will have to be reopened at Leeds Road this week, however, as Cowan will miss the replay tomorrow week. He is suspended.

OUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): A Roberts — M Graham. D Maddib, K Rearly, A Brevet: — T Sincler G Peecock, S Berker M Brazier isub A Impey 54min) — J Spencer, D Dichio (sub M Hateloy, 78) HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): A Normer (sub S Collins, 31) — T Heary (sub P Red 46), S Jenkins, J Dyson, T Coven — R Edwards, D Bullock: L Makel, G Crosby — A Payton, 1 Lawson I sub: W Burdett, 87). Referee: E Lornas

Cool Dreyer makes Wycombe wonder

Wycombe Wanderers 0 Bradford City.....2

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHEN a player of Chris Waddle's poise, balance and intelligence is consistently reduced to performing little better than a novice ice-skater. slithering all over the place and frequently ending up on his backside, there has to be a problem with the pitch.

Those around him at Adams Park yesterday were similarly afflicted in a vigorously contested FA Cup thirdround tie.

Waddle, the former England winger, eventually adjusted to the awkward surface by releasing the ball as soon as he had received it. His Bradford City team-

mates adopted an equally simplistic approach and, from a paltry five shots, they terminated Wycombe Wanderers' interest in the competition. Not once in six attempts have Wycombe even scored in the third round; this morning, they will still be wondering how they did not buck the trend.

They dominated 80 per cent of the slip-and-slide proceedings yet squandered a series of chances that, in better conditions, they might have converted. Bradford, winners of the Cup in 1911, sat back, absorbed the best shots and struck twice in the first half to ease into mund four

Although the goals came from an unlikely source — John Dreyer, the much-trav-

elled central defender - they were clinically taken in the manner of a born marksman. The first, in the 25th minute, was driven in from 12 yards after the ball had run free in the Wycombe area; the second, nine minutes later, was another left-footed shot, with maximum venom, from the same distance.

"I don't really know what I was doing up there." Drever said. "I just shut my eyes, hit them and hoped - that's what I always do. I've never scored in the FA Cup so it was a nice

Chris Kamara, the Bradford manager, welcomed the brief interlude from his side's struggle against relegation in the Nationwide League first division. "It was what I would term a professional performance," he said.

Wycombe, from the lower reaches of the second division, had initially skipped across the ice as if it did not exist. Forsyth, McGavin, Brown and Carroll went close but, from then on, lacked the necessary guile to disrupt Bradford's defensive disci-Bradiord's defensive disci-plane. Oreyer made them pay.
WYCOMBE WANDERERS. (3-5-2). J Cheesewing'it — J Kavenegh, P McCarthy.
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Greater morale gives Blackburn vital edge

Blackburn Rovers1 Port Vale.....

BY DAVID MADDOCK

HE HAS an impish grin and obviously an impish sense of humour to match. Tony Parkes, the caretaker manag-er of Blackburn Rovers, could not contain himself after an important, if less than convincing, FA Cup victory.

He is an understated man, but his jolly nature sneaked out for a moment when cornered on the subject of Sven Goran Eriksson and his delayed arrival at Ewood Park. "If things carry on like this, if we end up mid-table in the Premiership and in the FA Cup Final, then they'll have to ask him not to bother coming. They'll have to sack him," he

The third-round victory over Port Vale suggested that Parkes may unwittingly have stumbled across the truth that the Ewood board dare not. speak. He has turned Rovers around to such an extent that they could soon again be winning things. If so, then how will they cope with the embarrassment of relieving

Parkes of his duties? What this win illustrated was the influence of the caretaker on morale. Port Vale came with a game-plan, and almost carried it off. They hassled and harried, and closed down space to such an extent that Rovers were rashly tempted, for the most part, into opting for a long-ball game instead of the shortpassing, quick-breaking game their formation demanded.

Under such circumstances

in recent seasons, Blackburn

have lost to lower-division sides such as Stockport County and Ipswich Town Not here. It was not pretty, but they gritted their teeth and brazened out a victory as significant as it was unromantic. Parkes has succeeded not only in getting Rovers to play some decent, quick-witted football, but to get a group of bruised internationals once more to believe in themselves.

It was not the football that did

for Vale: but a mental tough-

ness that was not there earlier Vale had plenty of spirit, too, and theirs was no mean performance to hold the former champions to one goal. Games big on spirit, though, tend to be small on skill, and this was no exception, a flurry from Rovers in the first half: and a brief response from the visitors in the second was all the excitement on offer until-Lars Bohmen settled the match after 68 minutes with 2

BLACKBURIN ROVERS (4-5-1): T Flowers

— J Kenna, H Berg, C Hendry, G le Saux —
K Gastecher, T Sharwood (sub: N Marker,
Shirth), Whotkinkey, L Bohirsen, J Wilcox
(sub: G Fernion, 89) — C Suston.

PORT VALE (4-5-1): P Musaelwhite -Asprt, D Glover (sub: I Bogle, 85/-Griffiths, D Stokes (sub: M Foyle; 70)-McCarthy, A Porter, J Jameson, A Tarko

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Stevenage too sophisticated for their own good really am getting old. This opponent and rushed off some-week I realised that I can where else These were cherry, remember Real Cup Ties. I exhibitating occasions for all exeven met Chris Kelly, the cept the overdogs an agreeable. "Leatherhead Lip", and Dickie one might amost say an essential

Guy, who saved the penalty from change in football's routine. Peter Lorimer for a non-league Then Watford and, later, Wimteam called Wimbledon, when I bledon introduced Kick and Rush was a cub reporter. I thought then to the top division, and it ceased to be a novelty. Mean-

while, televised 'The big clubs football familiarised everyone with used to face a the rhythros of test of heart' strange battlefields ..

more complex versions of the game. These days, non-league clubs take for an examination not of their on the big clubs at their own game: that is to say, football. It is hardly surprising, then, that they nearly

Stevenage Borough are what is generally termed "a decent side". That is why they lost 20 to Birmingham City in the third round of the FA Cup on Saturday. If they had been a more indecent side, played a few booming balls over the top and generally gone at Simon Barnes regrets the passing of FA Cup tradition as a 2-0 win takes Birmingham City into the fourth round at non-league side's expense

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their opponents like loonies, they might have stolen a win, but, instead, they "played football". They did so very respectably, and therefore they lost. Very respectably. They were inclined to be rather euphoric afterwards. They had "lived with" the bigger side.

But they came second The tie should have been played at Stevenage. One can hardly blame police for being overcautious in advising the switching of the tie, especially as 15,000 people numed up at St Andrew's, but it was a decision that made certain of the outcome. The tie had its moments, and both sides played all right, but the non-leaguers were subtly and consistently

Stevenage came with two stars a forward for whom they had refused £200,000 and a defender who plays in a bandanna. The



forward is Hayles: swift skilful and built like a middleweight. The defender is (we really must have his full name) Eletobor Sodje, the son of a Nigerian chief. He wears a bandanna because his mother told him always to keep his head covered when he played football.

Both these men were worth watching. Both played excellent football, but each must share the responsibility for defeat. Hayles trick in the first 20 minutes. He had one chance well blocked by a defender, then another when he

made clean contact with a volley and was a mite too high. Then, gorgeously, he sped through three defenders and shot goalwards, but Bennett, the Birmingham goalkeeper, took up a good position and made his block, and that turned the match.

Birmingham have built a reputation for impregnability this seathe help of a gentleman named Broce, late of Manchester United. Hayles fancied his chances, but Bruce has grown old and grey dispesing of strikers who fancy their chances.

You can say all you like about Bruce's lack of pace and ball skills, but after 20 minutes he had not so much subdued Hayles as learn! him. Bruce had got the hang of the and his body moved. He was no ionger acting preventatively, he

Perhaps if Stevenage had kicked the ball over Bruce's head and allowed Hayles to chase it, they might have done better, but, these

cast off their hard-won sophistication to order. You need Kick and Rush in the blood, and teams don't really have it any

Meanwhile, Sodje was doing a great job as a foot-

balling centre half. The very term was a contradiction in the days of the Real Cup-Tie hut, alas, he over-footballed himself after 26 minutes. "I tried to be too clever and it didn't work out," he said honestly. Devlin nipped in and stole the ball from beneath Sodje's footballing feet, crossed for Francis to tap in,

Devlin and Bowen caused dismay for the rest of the afternoon.

was playing pre-emptively. That, and Devlin won a penalty, which in a line, is where difference in the converted himself, after gening he converted himself, after getting tangled up in Sodje's legs.

Stevenage should have gone into the Football League last season after winning the Vauxhall Conference, but they were turned down days, sides like Stevenage cannot on a technicality. This season, they trail Kidderminster Harriers by a

lone way, but with many games in hand after their FA Cup adventures. They would be an asset to the league, and for precisely the same reason

be an asset to the Cup. They are a modern footballing side. The FA Cup is not a modern (corballing

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FOOTBALL: PORFIRIO RISES ABOVE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS TO SCORE GREAT LEVELLER AT THE RACECOURSE GROUND

Bleak midwinter makes Redknapp moan

West Ham United

By Rob Hughes **EDOTBALL CORRESPONDENT**

that these men were

part of a great tra-dition. I see now

that they were the

In those distant

days, the top teams

were summoned to

skills but of their hearts. Ideally,

the pitch was precipitous and muddy, and thousands of people

in holiday humour rocked in from

the pubs of the town to pack together more or less on the

The home town played a game

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lot like football in some ways. Generally, thay kicked the nearest

last of their line.

HOW easily England's pre-sumed footballing elite forget their roots. Harry Redknapp, the West Ham United manager, began and ended the FA Cup third-round game at the Racecourse Ground on Saturday in sour candemnation of the referee's decision to play the game on a snowbound pitch, rather than count his blessings that his side sur-Arsenal had fallen five years earlier to the day.

Of course, the ground was difficult. But, once Mike Reed. the referee had properly decided at dawn that it was not likely to endanger the limbs of the precious athletes, then the fact that the ground beneath their feet became, in the old cliché, "a great leveller", was

Sources outburst 29 Steve McManaman 29

surely nothing but the stuff of which FA Cup lore is built. and insisting that it legislated against football as he tries to teach it, must have forgotten

Souness did at Reading on Saturday — that the romance of the third round has often embraced such things as the cloying mud of January, the infamous Yeovil slope, even the frost that does from time to time descend in an English

And given that Wrexham, of the Nationwide League second division, do not have the means to renovate their derelict Mold Road paddock. which was desolate and empty on Saturday, how could the pampered players of the FA Carling Premiership expect to play a cup-tie there on conditions akin to say, Highbury, where the undersoil heating costs £500 per day? West

footing on manicured turf on which they have won just once in the past 12 games ground, where the snow did prevent a true run of the ball,

After just six minutes, West Ham's timed attitude, their suspicion of all that lay around, cost them a goal Martyn Chalk, just 5ft bin and better balanced by far than his oppenent Julian Dicks, forced a corner. Gareth Owen took it on the left, Brian Carey, formerly of Manchester Uniblessings that his side sur- ted reserves, was given the vived at Wrexham, where freedom to head the ball powerfully down, and then Bryan Hughes, just 20 and raised as an Evertonian, was equally unmarked to score the stooping header from six yards. Hughes, later to produce some neat slaken runs. has scored five goals in the Cup so far this season.

The game should never have been played," Redknapp moaned. Previously manager of Bournemouth, who so enjoyed knocking Manchester United out of this competition. Redknapp wants only the best for his league of nations collection. However, when he added tartly that the referee Redknapp, calling the state could make such a decision of the surface "scandalous" because he did not have because he did not have to play football on the patch, Redkrapp was out of

> So were his players until, on the stroke of half-time. Hugo Porfinio produced a touch of Mediterranean class to equalise. Porfirio, who had never before seen snow, who questioned whether the English were quite mad to play in such seasonal weather, belied all that had gone before. He was positioned close to where Dicks, who claims to be one of the best dead-ball specialists in England, had woefully lofted three free kicks over the

Porfirio has finer skill: after Andy Marriott, the Wrexham goalkeeper, had impetuously run to the edge of his box, then missed the ball, the Portugal international had barely a second to assess the situation



Williamson, of West Ham, slides across the snow to dispossess Ward, the Wrexham midfield player. Photograph: Mark Thompson / Allsport

and deliver his shot. He saw that Marriott was stranded. He saw Carey, 6ft 3in, was the last defender, and, scooping up the ball as if with a golfing wedge, he applied spin and swerve, so that the orange ball rose gracefully and then dropped over the head and shoulders of Carey neatly into the far corner of the

What was this? It was a quality touch that defied everything, the excuses, the onrushing English blood, the

duced in capacity to 11,000. the vast majority of them standing, had two patches of green, where the goalmouths were cleared, and blue touch-lines. But if the sight was unusual, the game was Cup football as we know it. One recalled the days of January 1972, when Newcastle United holed up in a Worcester hotel while a cup-tie against Hereford United was rescheduled for five successive days, gradually talked themselves out of

being able to impose superioree's decision, as indeed did the

Newcastle lost: but on Saturday, Porfirio and John Moncur gradually managed to grace the game with proper direction, and from their promptings a better centre forward than Steve Jones would have profited. Three times he failed, allowing Marriott to make a brave save at his feet, glancing a header wide and then shooting wide when a tiring Wrexham de-fence allowed him an age to turn 12 yards from the net. Having supported the refer-

Flynn, one must take issue with Reed's accumulation of names of four West Ham players and three from Wrexham for assorted fouls or dissent, taking no account of the unsure footing. But football, especially in

the Cup, is more than the attributes of skill, which West Ham can buy from around the globe. Wrexham, meanwhile, must recruit either from local sources or from the rejects of wealthier clubs. As their little

Wrexham manger, Brian

ground reminded one this weekend, the chasm between the Premiership and the impoverished classes is widening

For all that, do not assume that the replay between these two clubs will be a formality in the East End of London on January 15.

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WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-1-1) L. Malosco.
— T. Breacher, S. Potts, M. Rieper, J. Debs. —
D. Wilkemson, J. Morcur, I. Petrop, M.
Hughes — H. Podrino — S. Jones,
Referer: M. Roed

Heath still unconvinced of power of forward thinking

By Peter Ball

SO MUCH for the romance of the FA Cup. Burnley went to Anfield on Saturday with limited ambitions, and presumably fulfilled them, going away quite satisfied with a 1-0 "Pleased with the perfor-

mance, the lads did us proud, they stuck to the game-plan." Adrian Heath, the manager, said afterwards. "In a perfect world we'd have perhaps' scored in the last ten minutes.

but it wasn't to be." But most teams need more

Anfield Burnley had not shown any inclination until that final flurry as Cooke, a second forward, came on to the chants of "Attack!" from the Burnley fans.

Far from James having a shot to save, afterwards there was even a debate as to whether the Liverpool goalkeeper had had a goal kick to take. "I took two goal kicks and caught one cross," James said, a statement which said

all there was to say about Burnley's approach. But if Burnley provided nothing to warm the heart on a bitter Anfield afternoon, Liverpool were not much bet-

ter, despite having the perfect start with a fine goal after 12 minutes. Berger and Bjorne-bye combined and when Bjornebye's cross came in, McManaman's dummy wrong-footed the Burnley defence, leaving Collymore with

space and time to pick his spot. That could have been the start of an avalanche. But Beresford made three outstanding saves, Burnley stuck to their game-plan, and Liverpool slowly lapsed into mediocrity as Barnes limped away and McManaman was once again shackled by the attentions of a man-marker.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, saw it differently. insisting that McManaman than ten minutes to score at . had played well in the face of Brass's attentions. Instead he



criticised Collymore pointedly and Berger with surprising acerbity.

"We play as a team, and sometimes an individual lets us down - if Patrik had put his head up three times and played the ball on to the side, Macca would have scored three today. Evans said, showing a faith in McManaman's finishing ability that was unsupported by empirical

To add to Liverpool's frustration, Babb and Thomas both picked up their sixth bookings of the season, with Barnes joining Redknapp on the injured list, and with Fowler missing on Saturday, they could be short of bodies. Barnes, in particular, would

be missed. After Collymore's goal, his passes offered Liverpool their best chances of breaking down Burnley's resistance. But Beresford, Winstanley and the impressive Harrison held firm. If only they had shown

equal vigour at the other end, even for 25 minutes rather than ten. "That's hindsight, is that," Heath said.

LNERPOOL (3-4-2-1) D James — M Vengirt, D Masso, P Babb — J McAteer, M Thomas, J Bames (sub M Kermedy, S7min), St Bornebye — S McMenermen, P Berger — S Collymore. Burgen - S Congress - S Congress - S Congress - S Congress - Congress - S Congress - C Parkinson - C Bress - G Parkinson - C Bress - C Parkinson - C Bress - P Barnes - P

Blackburn move in for Citko

BLACKBURN Rovers are hoping to sign Alexander Citko, the Poland World Cup striker, from Widzew Lodz in a £4 million deal.

Citko, 21, who scored against England in the World Cup qualifying match at Wembley in October, is said to be flying to Ewood Park this week for talks over personal terms and to undergo a medical. Citko should have no

problems in obtaining a work permit after winning enough full caps in the past two seasons to qualify. Leeds United have turned

down Tomas Brolin's request to train with Parma, his former club. Bill Fotherby, the Leeds chairman, has also told the Italians that if they want the Sweden international who is in breach of contract by staying away, then they must make a bid.

Fotherby is also angry that Tony Yeboah will play for Ghana against Morocco in a World Cup qualifying game on Sunday when Leeds consider him to be injured after pulling a hamstring against Manchester United last weekend.

Mirko Taccola, 26, the Napoli central defender, has ioined Middlesbrough on a two-week trial.

Gullit quick to learn lesson from Chelsea's history

Chelsea. West Bromwich Albion ... 0

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

RUUD GULLIT admitted after the game that it had taken him a while to get to grips with the cockney and Scottish accents in his squad. However, the Chelsea playermanager seems to understand his club's place in British football folklore pretty well. Everybody thought it would be typical Chelsea to

beat Liverpool then lose to a team from a lower division in the FA Cup," he said. The fact that the yellow-clad visitors on Saturday never looked remotely like a banana skin may be as much of a testament as any victory over the Premiership leaders to the new anproach he has encouraged at

Stamford Bridge. "It's changed a bit," Dennis Wise, the captain, agreed. "We had to be professional; we didn't want to get beaten. It was hard, but our quality game came through in the

Gullit, had been complacency. "Everyone was in form against Liverpool; confidence is high. But, especially then, you have to perform and work hard. Against these teams it is difficult. They have nothing to

lose and you have to play in a certain way against them, and be as motivated as they are."

expecting to see some of the free-flowing football on view in Chelsea's recent FA Carling Premiership home matches would have been disappointed, as an energetic West Bromwich Albion team made space hard to come by, it seemed Mark Hughes's type of game and, sure enough, the breakthrough came in the 39th minute after the Welshman had battled for Zola's cross. His prod reached Wise, who sent a low right-footed shot past Crichton.

replay. All doubts were erased

The danger, according to

Matteo's through-pass was touched beyond Crichton by

The upshot was that anyone Zola's late third, after Vialli's shot had come back off an upright, flattered Chelsea a little, although the "West Brom nil" part of the scoreline was about right. "We were well beaten." Alan Buckley. the frustrated Albion manager conceded. "We haven't done ouselves justice. We are quite a good footballing side, believe it or not." Chelsea, beaten semi-finalists last season, are the side many fancy to win the compe-

For all their hard work. there were few indications that the visitors could force a

disaster) "good cup side". "I don't think about the final," he said. "Of course I have my dreams, but I'll tell you at the end of the season if my dream came true. Today we played as good professionals. That's also how you can do well in the Premiership. You must concentrate against the so-called lower teams." CHELSEA (3-5-2) F Grodus — M Duberry F Lebooud S Clarke — D Petrescu, D Wes E Newton, R di Matteo, S Matto (auto C Burley, 70mm) — G Zola, M Hughos (sub-G 16-18-78)

tition this year. Gullit, natu-

rally, would like Chelsea to be

seen as more than just a

perennial (barring the odd

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (3-5-2) P Crictori — S Murphy O Burgess, P Raven (sub: R Taylor, 64) — P Holmes, I Humiton, R Sneckes, P Groves (sub: P Butler: 45), D Smith (sub: P Agnew, 23) — P Peachsolido, A Hunt,

bright side of defeat Wolverhampton W 1 Portsmouth... By PAT GIBSON

THE scoreline was not quite as emphatic as it had been at Wembley in 1939 when Portsmouth beat Wolverhampton Wanderers 41 to take nossession of the FA Cup throughout the years of war - but it might well have been. And that should give everyone at Molineux cause for concern.

It was easy, as Mark McGhee, the Wolverhampton manager, said afterwards to deflect the disappointment of another inept home performance by calling it "a blessing in disguise" to a club which sees the Cup as a mere bauble compared with the Holy Grail of promotion to the FA Carling Premiership, and he readily accepted the invitation to

"The positive side is that while other people are playing Cup games we are going to be playing league games and that will give us a chance to make

"This club has been to the sixth round twice in the past three years yet we are still in the Nationwide first division If the cost of not going to the sixth round is being promoted. then I think it is a cost that we

will all pay."

The trouble with blessings in disguise is that they can turn out to be fool's gold and is cannot have done much for Wolverhampton's self-esteem to have been so comprehensively outplayed by a Ports-mouth side 13 places below them in the division.

This was their seventh defeat in 14 games at Molineux McGhee insists that they have proved that they can still win promotion by reaching fourth place on the strength of their magnificent away record, he does concede that they have a

big problem. Perhaps it is the way Wolverhampton play. Their whole ball to the legendary Bull and when they fail to do that as conspicuously as they did on Saturday, the passionate crowd gets on their backs and their confidence evaporates.

Portsmouth, in contrast. grew more assured as the game went on, passing the hall better, getting their wide players behind the Wolverhampion defence and utilising the skills and mobility of their strikers. Hall and Bradbury, to win the game.

The pair combined to provide the cross that Mc-Loughlin headed past Stowell to put Portsmouth ahead in the 68th minute and then, after the substitute, Ferguson, had turned in the only decent cross Wolverhampton produced all afternoon, a minute later, Bradbury headed down Simpson's centre for Hall to score the winner.

Wolverhampton's wretched afternoon was summed up by the fact that their second-best scoring effort came from their goalkeeper, who went up for a corner in the last minute and forced Knight into his best save of the match. "I thought Stowell should have scored. McGhee said, tongue firmly in cheek. "He won't be playing up front next week, that's for

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3.5-2) M Stowell — N Emblen, M Alburs, M Venus — J Smith, S Corica (sub: D Ferguson, 5-4-4), S Outcom, G Thomas, R Demoson — D Goodman (sub: I Robons, 57), S Bull

PORTSMOUTH (5-5-2) A Kright — A Whitbread, R Periett (sub: A Thomson, 65), A Awrord — R Pethick, D Hiller, J Durain, A McLoughin, F Simpson — P Hall, L Brastbury

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POOLS PANEL: Brighton v Eveler (Hall-time no-score draw; Full-time; home win): Cambridge United v Northampton (ht. home win, FT score draw); Doncaster v Rochdale (ht. away win, Ft away win), Fulliam v Swarissa (ht. home win, Ft; home win). Hereford v Darlington (ht. no-score draw, Ft home win); Hull v Colchester (ht: away win, Ft; taxay win). Wigan v Hardepool (ht; home win; Ft; home win);



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OTHER SPORT

DARTS, Embassy world championship (a)

RACING: Lingfield Park (AW 10), Lorcester

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POOLS PANEL: Brechin v Livingston (Hi score draw; Full-time; score draw); Cowdenbeath v Dumbarton (Hit no-score draw; Fro-score draw); Ross County v Montrose (Hir no-me win, Ft. away win); Stenhousemulir v Hamilton (Hir no-score draw; Ft. away win); Strantaer v Inverness CT (Hit no-score draw; Ft away win)

THIRD ROUND

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(0) 1 HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 Crosby 64 Cueen's Park Rangera: A Roberts, M Giaham, R Breveth, S Barker, D Mandow, K Ready, J Spencer, G Peacock, D Dichoo (sufo M Hateley, 79min), M Brazier (sufo A Impey, 68mm), T Sanctair.

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M Williams (sub B Glasgow, 87mm), T
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Southampton: D Beasant, F Benali, J
Meghlon, M La Tisser, M Maddison, R Stater,
E Gistenstad, M Robinson (sub S Charlton,
67mm), E Berkovic, C Lundekvarn (sub, G
Warson, 73mm), U van Gobbel (sub* M
Cokley, 63mm)
Booked: Le Tisser, van Gobbel
Referee: G Poll

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FA CUP THIRD ROUND

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Birmingham City: I Bennett, J Bres. M Grainger (sub: M Johnson, 76ma), S Bruce. G Ablett, C Holtand (sub. A Logg. 71min), P Devin, P Tait, K Francis, 8 Home, J Bowen.

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Postponed: Barnsley v Oldham; Brentlord v Manchester City: Carlielle v Tranmer; Chesierfield v Bristol City; Coventry v Woking; Crewe v Wintoladon, Crysta Palace v Leede, Gillingham v Derby; Hednestord v York: Leiceser v Southend; Luton v Bollom Stoke v Stockport, Watlord v Oldord United; Wycombe v Bradford

POOLS PANEL: Wycombe v Bradbad (Half-time no-accre draw; Full-time way win); Barnslay v Olicham (Ht home win; FL score draw); Brantlord v Manchester City (Ht score draw); Brantlord v Manchester City (Ht score draw; FL home win); Chesterfield v Bristol City (Ht no-accre draw; FL home win); Crewe v Winbledon (Ht away win); Crewe v Winbledon (Ht away win; Pt away win); Lucosser v Southerd (Ht no-accre draw); Gillingtem v Derby (Ht away win; Ft away win); Lucosser v Southerd (Ht no-accre draw; FL home win); Luton v Belton (Ht home win; Ft some draw; Ft home win; Ft no-accre draw; Ft no-accre draw; Ft no-accre draw; Ft no-accre draw; Hoselts, C Cattlerwood, J Edinburgh, O Aoster, S Campbell, N Fenn. Booked: Cattlerwood, Allen, Austin. Referent: S Lodge.

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Wycombe: J Gleesewight, J Cousins, M Bell, J Kanaragh, P McCarthy, M Fouryth, G Carrol, J Williams (sub. D Farrell, 62), M Desoura, S McGawat, S Brown (sub. T Evers, 73min).
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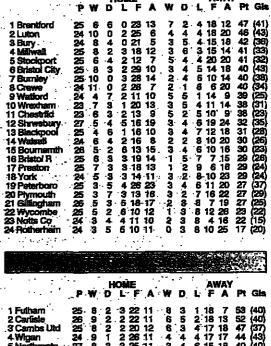
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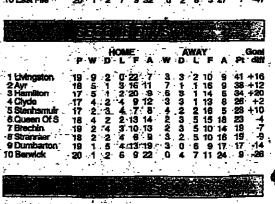
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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

FOOTBALL WEDNESDAY Nick-off 7 30 unless stated denotes all-hotel match FOOTBALL COCA-COLA CUP: Quarter-finals: Botton v Wimbledon (7 45): Middlesbraugh v Liverpool (7 45) AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Southampton tat Harrow Borough FC, 70 Tohenham v Cardiff (ar S: Albans FC) Postponed: tuton a AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Southern section: First round: Swansea v Wycombe VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Haldar & MaccinsFeld (7.45) Teilord v Stalybridge Cataly to 5 Assists (*) Fosquise (*) Fremier division; Stackburn v Leods (at Presion NE FC, 70); Stoke v Birmingham (*) (*) FA YOUTH CUP. Third round: Postponed-Southand v Wafford

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BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Collic v Klimamod. First division: Clydebank v Stubmistone Strang v Greencer Monton Third division: Rose County v Inverness CT OTHER SPORT DARTS: Embassy world championship (at Framiley Gazen) RACING: Folkestona (12.20); Southwell (A'H, 1.15) TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Brechin v Livingsion **TOMORROW**

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Bath (7 0)
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Civil Service v
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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Third division: Choster v Rochdale
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AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern section: Second numd: Blackpool v Lincohr;
Buny v Marsheld (7-45): Cariste v Hull (7-45): Southampsecton: Bereiford v Barner (7-45): Goothern section: Brendford v Barner (7-45): Quothern section: Brendford v Barner (7-45): Quothern section: Brendford v Barner (7-45): (Lardit v Euster, Milharil v Colchoster (7-45): (Varianticon v Lution (7-45): Peter-borough v Walsall (7-45): Pyrmouth v Brighton (7-45): Walterd v Tompay (7-45)
BELL''S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: East Fife v Parick. Second division: Post-poned: Ayr v Hamitton. Third division: East Stufing: Arbranim Post-poned: Courdenbeath v Albion OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Crystal Palazo v Sheffleid (9 0). DARTS: Embassy world cham Frantey Greent HOCKEY: Four-nations indoor fournamen: (Dundee and Edinburgh)

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FRIDAY FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: State v Birmingham (7-45) Tranmere v Sandon (7-45)

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RACING: Ascot (1.0) Mussesburgh (1.10).
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TABLE TENNIS: English Open (at Netsang) SATURDAY FOOTBALL

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VALXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath v More

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Macclesfield v Wolung, Northwich v Kettering: Rushdon & Diamonds v Halifax, Stough v Fornborough, Welling v Altrincham.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Durfermine v Dundse Unsed, Hearts v Celtic, Kitmarnock v Rarh, Motherwell v Hebenson First drivision: Cyclebank v St Mirrer; Dundee v Aktória, Gracinock Morton v Ess; File, String v Fallerk, Second division: Beneda v Dumbarton; Brechn v Hamilton, Sterhousemust v Dumpaston Postponed: Casen of South v Air, Stratter v Clyde Third division: Albon v Allos, Postponed: Condonbeath v Ross Courty; East Suring v Mortrosa; Fortar v Arbroath, Inverness CT v Queon's Park.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second round; East Straing v Bota, Ross Courty v Mortrosa; Stratter v Premenes CT, Sparlams v Arbroath (2 0); Whitehill v Quoon Of South RUGBY UNION

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales v United
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Saracons (2:0). West Harlsopout v Orrell (3:0)
Second division: Black-hosel v Newcaste (3:0) Northammi (3:0). Walkefield v Covernity;
Waterloo v London Scottish (2:15): Postponed; Richmond v Bedford Third division:
Céton v Redruit (3:0); Pydde v Lydnoy;
Leephool St Heiens v Leeds, London Wicksh v
Harvant Montey v Walsall (3:0), Ottoy v
Harrogate (3:16): Reading v Exister (2:30);
Roschin Park v Wharleddie Fourth division
rorth: Aspaira v Birmergham/Softrull, Herstord v Ursheld Nuncition v Worzester,
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Manchester Stoutondge v Sandal RUGBY UNION

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TENNENTS PREMIERSHIP: Pirst division: Curre v Jed-Forest (2.0): Metrose v Bonzughmur (2.0). Skifling County v Hend's FP (2.0). Watsonans v Hawrot (2.0). Second division: Dundee HSP v Gala (2.0): Edinburgh Acads v Glasgow Hifk (2.0). Gelson v Biggar (2.0). Third division: Glasgow Southern v Preston Lodge (2.0). Kimsmock v Peobles (2.0): Musselburgh v Kirkosky (2.0); Second division: Glernotires v Hithreack Jordanhil (2.0). Gordonans v Langholm (2.0); Grangemouth v Corstorphine (2.0). Haddington v Ayr (2.0)

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INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE:
First division: Bracknock College v Young
Munister, Cork Constitution v St Mary's
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v Ballymens; Old Crescont v Garnowen;
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v Monkstown: DUSP v Malone, Deny v
Creystones; Highfield v NiFC Sunday's Well v
Dolphit, UCC v Skemes. OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Derby v London (7:30). Leicester v Sheffield (7:30); Munchester v Worlthing (7:30); Birmingham v Chosler Jets (7:30). Hernel and Wanford v Chyslat Palaco (7:30); Thames Valley v Leopards (8:0). BOXING: World Boxing Organisation heavyFOOTBALL
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Tottenhern v. Manchester United (4.0).
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BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Gengen v Alberteen. OTHER SPORT

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HOCKEY: World Cities' Chemplonship (at Kelvin Hafl, Glasgow).
ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Ayr v Cardin (5 0), Nollingham v Bracknel (7 0); Basingstoke v Sheffled (6 30)
RACING: Abot (1 10); Lingfiel Park (AW, 12.50); Newcastle (12.35); Warwock (12.25).
TABLE TENNIS: English Open (at Kettering).

SUNDAY

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Sheffleid
v Hernel end Watford (5:30); Leoparda v
Newcastle (7:0).

DARTS: Embassy world championship (at
Frimley Green).

HOCKEY: World Cities' Championship (at
Kalvin Hall, Gassgow)

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Newcastle v Ayr.

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Poll finds Souness

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BY IVO TENNANT

IN HIS supposedly reposeful middle age, Graeme Souness has been likened even to a pussycat. No longer, appar-ently, has he been throwing teacups at players or tantrums at referees. At least not until Southampton were knocked out of the FA Cup, rather too easily for his liking, by a team in the lower reaches of a lower division. In return, he might find a charge of bringing the game into disrepute flung back at him by the FA. As the Southampton man-

ager surveyed the remnants of his beaten team at the end of this absorbing tie - two players had been sent off in the last 14 minutes - he decided to restrain anybody else from having their say to the referee, Graham Poll, who is known to be strong on discipline. But he could not resist attempting to give his own viewpoint as well, which turned into a sharp exchange with a hefty security man. It was not edifying to watch.

Then Sourcess had his say

for the benefit of the media. "I spoke to the referee before the match and said I did not think the conditions were playable. He made two incredible state ments. He said it would be just like a pitch in August and the players would be OK-if they played at 90 per cent. But in the FA Cup, players don't go at

Mr Poll has a reputation within the game for wanting to make a name for himself and he certainly did that today. That is twice in a week. that he has made players perform on a pitch that has been less than perfect." The other match to which he was referring was between Coven-

hard that most of the players. Somess knew that Reading wore footwear appropriate for deserved their victory, and passed fit on Friday, when it was so cold that the Thames at nearby Pangbourne was frozen over for the first time since the dreadful winter of 1963. Come Saturday lunch time and the pipes at the ground were also frozen. "Chemical lavatories," the crowd were solemnly informed, had been

impassioned view of the pitch from Darren Caskey, the scorer of Reading's terrific second goal. There was nothing

wrong with it," he claimed. Sources was not so con-cerned with the sendings-off. parily, pethaps, because Southampton were already losing. Fourteen minutes from the end, Benali elbowed Morley in the face and conceded not only his place on the pitch, but a penalty as well. In the final minute. Slater was sent off for a foul and for swearing at one of the linesmen.

Benali has been sent off three times this season, one of these offences in a reserve match. Poll confirmed that on Saturday it was for "violent conduct and striking an opponent". Such indiscipline is always unnecessary, but particularly on this occasion when Benali and Morley went for a cross that Beasant looked to have covered. Morley himself scored with the ensuing

penalty.
It was this kind of lax defending which led to all of Reading's goals. Their first, scored by Lambert, was the result of Lundelovam attempting to initiate a counter-attack by bringing the hall out of his own penalty area.

After Berkovic had neatly changed the direction of play and given Ostenstad the opportunity to equalise, South-ampton conceded a second goal through failing to mark Morley when Lambert picked him out at the far post. Caskey, Reading's most costly signing, brought off the kind of voiley that would have made others ponder why Tottenham Hotspur did not play

him more often. Reading had attempted from the outset to disrupt Southampton's policy of using three defenders. The huge right wing back, Van Gobbel try City and Sunderland on tired early in the second half, New Year's Day. necessitating one change, but The pitch, which was so errors in marking remained. added to that which will not

Quickly be forgotten.

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An angry Souness makes his point to Poll, the referee, after Southampton had been beaten by Reading

Grimsby slide down great divide

Sheffield Wednesday 7 Grimsby Town ..

BY KETTH PIKE

ANYONE searching for evidence of the widening gap between football's haves and have-nots would have enjoyed themselves hugely at Hillsborough on Saturday. Grimsby Town most certainly did not. Stripped immediately of hope and ultimately of dignity, they were dismissed from the FA Cup with an arrogance bordering on contempt.

Eliminated in the previous two seasons by Charlton Athletic and Wolverhampton Wanderers, Sheffield Wednesday have invested their Pre-

miership riches well. Unbeaten in 11 matches against the cream of the English game, they were now too powerful. too professional and too prolific for the likes of Grimsby. Never have so many inflatable haddocks, and dreams, been deflated so ruthlessly.

"After ten minutes of the

second half I wanted the final whistle to go." Kenny Swain, the Grimsby caretaker-manager, said. There is a gulf between the first division [which Grimsby prop up] and the Premier League, but it was magnified by some of the

Wednesday for the Cup? Why not? Going unbeaten for the rest of the season might not win them the champion-

ship, but it would get them to Wembley, and having now proved that they can without their injured Italian playmaker. Benito Carbone. they will hardly be wanting for confidence.

Indeed, judging by the way that they set about Grimsby sometimes through the middle, mostly down the flanks. but always with pace and purpose - they are scarcely short of self-belief already. and especially when the goal beckoned. The most eye-catching of

their strikes was the first. lobbed beautifully over an errant and stranded goalkeeper by Humphreys from around 35 yards; the most

for Wednesday's third. Booth helped himself to a couple from close range, Humphreys added a routine second, and Hyde and Pembridge were rewarded with goals for their foot-slogging in central midfield alongside Whittingham who had a foot in five of them. Grimsby's challenge may have been as feeble as the club's resources, but Wednesday were mighty impressive

into his own net by Fickling

day were mighty impressive nonetheless.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2) V Pressman — P Athenon, D Walker D Stelanoure, I Nolan — G Withmorpham, G Hyde (sub: S Nicol, 77mm), M Pernlondge, R Blinker (sub: O Trusdull 62) — R Humpheys, A Booth Grauks V Town (4-4-2) J Peartey — K Jobing (sub: J McDermor, 46) A Ficking G Rodger, A Gelimore — G Cheos (sub: J Oster, 40), T Widdinglain, N Wecds, K Black — J Lesser, C Mendonca.

Politics overshadow Pearce's progress

Nottingham Forest.

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IT IS a sorry state of affairs when the FA Cup third round - historically, 90 minutes of drama and dreams - pales into insignificance. It is sad occasion when the first Saturday of the new year traditionally, the stuff of close calls and heroic deeds --- is overshadowed by matters of a political and administrative

For the record, where this tie will be effortlessly consigned without a second thought, Nottingham Forest comfortably beat Ipswich Town at the City Ground to reach the last 32 of the Cup. It was the third victory in five attempts for Stnart Pearce, Forest's caretaker player-manager, and possibly strengthened his case, if somewhat prematurely, to enter the managerial madhouse on a permanent

Saunders scored goals in the seve teenth and 75th minutes, and Allen, in the 27th minute, tucked in Pearce's deflected cross. Had Ipswich possessed a cutting edge to complement Scowcroft's deft endeavours up front and Sonner's craft in midfield, the result could have been radically different.

Would it have mattered to the bulk of the Forest supporters? Perhaps not. Some sections of their sparse ranks concentrated on chants of "Sack the board" rather than celebrations when success had been assured. With the club locked in the throes of a takeover, strapped for cash and still lurking ominously near the foot of the FA Carling Premiership, there were more important items on the Confusion, too, ahead of tonight's

emergency general meeting, at which Forest's 209 shareholders will vote on the rival consortia attempting to take control of the club. "I think Stuart will take the job, probably on Monday," Alan Hill, Forest's assistant manager, said. "He's got the bit between his teeth, I think he'll be superb." Half an hour later, Pearce begged to differ. "I'll make my mind up in my own time, when it's right for me,"

ne said.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2)* M Crossley — D Lydle, C Cooper, S Chefrie, S Pearce — C Alien (sub. S Germal, 72mm), A I Hagaland, D Prelips, I Woon — D Saunders, k Carripole (sub B Roy, 78)

PSWICH TOWN (4-1-4-1) R Winds — G Uhlenbeck, A Tarner, J Cundy, M Taricco — G Williams — M Stochwell, D Somer, C Thomsen, K Dyer (sub R Naylor, 62) — J Scoecraft

Referee: M Bodenham

Still on course in our pursuit of four trophies

The romance of the FA Cup. Maybe they should call it the relief of the FA Cup, because after the hectic Christmas we have endured, it offered something of a diversion. Five games in 12 days is some schedule.

It was not a great holiday period for Liverpool, and we are disappointed with the five points we achieved. But put it into perspective: we had three difficult away games and yet we emerged still at the top of the Premiership. We are in a good position, the position every other team wants to be

on the cups, and after Saturday's match with Burnley we have a Coca-Cola quarter-final against Middlesbrough on Wednesday.

Chelsea away, FA Cup. Coca-Cola Cup, and then another league game. If you were to lose all those, your season would start to go pearshaped. But, thankfully, it's not my style to worry. I am able to take a relaxed approach to the pressure we are under. It doesn't affect me unduly: I tend to be the optimist.

I know that we will be criticised for the manner of our win over Burnley, for not scoring more than one goal against a second division side. but the win was everything. And to be honest, they never remotely looked like scoring.

I was disappointed with the way they played, actually. They never really had a go and thought they played better against us when we beat them 4-0 in pre-season training. The upshot, though, is that

Liverpool are still in every competition. People are already saying that we will become overstretched, play too many games. It has even been suggested that we should just concentrate on a couple of competitions, but I can't accept that. There is no way we could ever enter a match not wanting to win.

The FA Cup really is a

romantic competition. It has such a history and such an aura around it. The day itself at Wembley is truly wonderful. I am lucky enough to have won the Cup early in my career, and there is nothing like it. The noise, the colour the pageantry of Wembley was a great experience. So was coming back to

Liverpool on the bus with the trophy. Robbie Fowler always says that his life's dream is to travel round Liverpool on the coach with a trophy, and I know why. When we beat Sunderland in 1992 we went through the area where my family were, and my friends, and I grabbed the Cup and

STEVE **McMANAMAN**



feels relief at clearing the first FA Cup hurdle

was hanging over the side waving it at them.

I used to go to the town hall when I was little, sitting on the steps clapping as the heroes came by, and now there I wan getting the applicase. I remember too, as a kid, sitting in or. Cup Final day from 10am, watching everything on the television - the team: hotels, the coach rides to the game, walking out on the pitch, the celebrity games, the whole lot.

We were sick at losing to Manchester United last secson, mostly because it was such a poor final and we didn't play well. There were a lot of people in the dressing-room that day saving they would be back, and we really do want to get there again.

We want to do it in the Coca-Cola, too. It doesn't have the same drama as the FA Cup. but it is still Wembley. I remember when we heat Bolton in the 1995 final. It was a Sunday, which was not so good, and then we went back to Liverpool the next day, because we had a game on the Wednesday.

But it is still important, and if we can beat Middlesbrough. then there will be a semi-final to come. That's why we will go to the Riverside Stadium to give everything.

We beat them easily at home just before Christmas, but it will be a very different game this time. They will be pumped up for it because it is their chance to turn their season around a little. They have endured a lot of criticism, but if they can beat us to reach the semi-final, everything else will be forgotten for a while. It is important to go for

everything, to keep every option open. We have made the draw for the FA Cup fourth round comfortably, and can forget that for a little. Now the aim is to put the Coca-Cola Cup away successfully for a few weeks.

Chester timidity self-defeating

Middlesbrough... Chester City

BY MARK HODKINSON

AT THE final whistle, Chris Priest, Chester City's midfield player, raced towards Emer-son and virtually wrestled his shirt from his back. He then attempted to hide it by tocking it under his own shirt, as if he acknowledged that his zeal was somewhat undignified.

The incident summed up everything that was wrong about Chester City. They were hunting for souvenirs when they should have been search-

ing for scalps.

They chose to play a cautious game of containment, leaving just Rimmer on patrol in Middlesbrough's half. This created ridiculous sub-plots like Milner and Woods, deep in their own half, warily games for Manchester United, but must have found this kind of attention flattering in the

Chester survived for 20 minutes before Ravanelli put his burnished head to a goalbound header from Vickers. A one-two between Ravanelli and Hignett saw the latter slot home easily. Cox made it three as he shuffled along on his knees to meet another pass from the Italian. Ravanelli scored from a Stamp pass and then fed Beck, who found the net stylishly from just inside the area.

Chester played much better after conceding the second goal, finding a valour that had been missing hitherto. They wasted some decent chances before a shot from Shelton struck Whyte's hand and a penalty was awarded. Hignett

tracking Blackmore, who foolishly argued with the ref-might have played nearly 200 eree until he was booked for a second time and sent off. Noteman's appalling effort from the spot then almost

reached the car park. Stamp headed in Middles-brough's sixth before three more witless bookings, Liddle for a foul on Milner, and Fjortoft and Whelan for an off-

the-ball spat. Kevin Ratcliffe, the Chester manager, agreed that his team had defended too deeply, but found much to praise in their performance. Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said his team had been "nice and professional".

MIDDLESBROUGH (3-5-2) G Welch — A Cox (sub: C Flemmo, 46mm), S Vicless, C Whyte — C Liddle, C Hignell, Emarson, Hussice (sub: P Stemp, 46), C Blackmore — F Pavanell, M Beck (sub: J A Fjortott, 55) r Havanetii, M Beck (sub: J A Fjortoft, 55) CHESTER CTY (4-5-1) R Sincleir — M Woods, S Winelen, J Astront, I Janions — A Milner, C Priest, G Shetton (subr M Gales, 84), N Fesher, K Noteman (subr G Brown, 81) — S Rimmer.

Duffy must start to make an impression

Then setting out his credentials for the V job of Hibernian manager, Jim Duffy may not have mentioned the cowboy boots and the Marilyn Monroe calendar. They were liable, all the same, to make an impression on a visitor to his office at Dens Park, when he was still in charge of Dundee, as he swung his feet up on the desk and leant back in his chair until his right shoulder was just below the picture of

the movie star. Given a suitable occasion. Duffy can be a playful man. At one photo session for an article he began by trying to strike the pose of the logo that was used in The Saint television series. He then decided that he was closer to an impersonation of Bruce Forsyth and started to work on that instead. "You won't get many managers doing this for you," Duffy

yelled, superfluously, to the photographer.
The distinctiveness is not that of a man who practises his idiosyncrasy, going through life with a counterfeit personality. Duffy simply fol-lows his own instincts determinedly and the reactions of the bystander are of secondary importance. The impulses have been strong enough to make people fear for him.

When he was 28, in 1987, he suffered a grave knee injury while playing for Dundee and was told that he would have to retire, but Duffy could not resist returning to action. Although convinced by the specialists who told him that he could eventually be crippled if he continued to take part in whelmed by his desire for football

It would only be a small surprise if, even now, he



Scottish commentary

insinuated himself into the Hibernian team one Saturday. The Edinburgh club has found itself a manager admired for his work at impossibly impoverished Dundee, whom he took to the Coca-Cola Cup final last season, and a human being with a vigorous identity. Nonetheless, there are no

guarantees that these qualities will be sufficient. Since his appointment a week ago, Hi-

bernian have played two matches at Easter Road. losing 4-0 to Heart of Midlothian and, on Saturday, 2-1 to Rang-ers. Duffy was left to put his sense of humour to unwelcome use Admitting that he had yet to

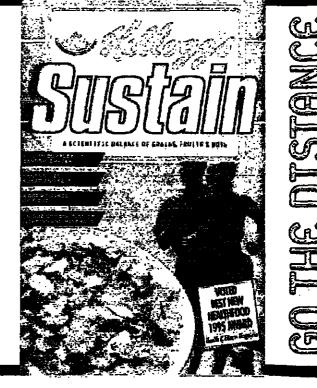
find his bearings in the stadium, he said: People keep laughing when I open doors and walk straight into cupboards. If I have a couple more bad results they won't let me out again." With Hibernian lying seventh in the Bell's Scottish League premier division, the goodwill towards Duffy will soon reach its

On Saturday, Hibernian took the lead and matched the champions for most of the first but their self-belief flagged after the interval. Yet this was an afternoon when conviction should have come readily to them. Rangers, who

have been badly affected by flu, failed on Friday in a request to have the match postponed, when the Scottish Football League decided that the club had sufficient resources left to fulfil the fixture. despite the submission of 28 medical certificates. Several of the players pressed into service did look as if they were battling against illness.

Despite being unwell, however, Brian Laudrup was able to create the equaliser for Erik Bo Andersen before winning the penalty from which Jorg Albertz clinched victory. The Rangers side had included eight internationals, with another two named as substitutes, and if their temperature was at a higher level than thu: of the opposition so, too, were their skills.

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Leicester move closer to European title as last season's top two fall at penultimate hurdle

Hungry Tigers can take the final step

Toulouse

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

PERHAPS the most revealing they had become the first English club to reach a European final came from Emile Ntamack, captain of the beaten Heineken Cup holders, Toulouse. This is the first time we have been forced to lose the style, the pattern of our game," the France wing said at Welford Road on Saturday.

The significance of the achievement cannot be overstated: this was an English team, with 15 players qualified for England, playing attractive, cohesive rugby, making good decisions and taking their chances against a club which has been the best in France for the past three years. If Leicester's success is not reflected in England's five nations championship training squad, due to be named this week, some questions will undoubtedly be asked.

This is a hungry team, too, a hunger reflected as much in the efforts of the whole club to

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ensure the semi-final was played as by the players themselves. Peter Wheeler, the chief executive, worked like a Trojan with his groundstaff to ensure a playing surface which Jim Fleming, the referee, described as perfect.

Last season, Leicester were bridesmaids in domestic league and cup. This season. they could win both competitions, as well as the European final against Brive, to be played in Cardiff on January 25, but they are a team which still needs to improve.

We haven't won anything yet." Dean Richards, the Leicester captain, said in his best down-to-earth manner. The players realise there is Richards for gravitas when required, but the confidence that his team can take from a defeat of Toulouse by five tries to one cannot be gainsaid. Not only that; Toulouse admitted that, when beaten 77-17 by Wasps, their minds were not as well-prepared as possible

and it was still not enough. Les Cusworth, the England backs coach, who watched the semi-final for the national management, will have emphasised the claims of such players as Darren Garforth, wards are a forthright collec-



Castaignède, the Toulouse centre, feels the full force of a driving Back during Leicester's Heineken Cup semi-final victory on Saturday

Will Greenwood and Neil Back to national consideration. Back, fully fit for the first time after hamstring problems that hampered his return from suspension in November, was outstanding on the flank, doing all the talking he needed to do on the resist letting fall the fact afterwards that he had written a letter to Jack Rowell, the England coach, last summer asking what he needed to do to

return to the England fold. That he had received no reply was not entirely surprisin last month's England A programme since he had only just returned to action. But. against Toulouse, not only did he support intelligently, his strength in the maul was invigorating; the Toulouse fortion but they could not match Back's pace to the ball, even when they replaced Sonnes with Manent in the second

The Frenchmen were not to be intimidated either by the 16,000 crowd or by the reputscrum and maul they slugged it out, but it was behind the forwards that their plans went so badly wrong. Castaignede, short of match fitness, produced two or three moments of subtlety beyond most English players but found the Leicester midfield's offensive defence cold day.

It was his cut-out pass, which fell to earth, that gave Leicester the one piece of good fortune they needed - a runaway opening try by Hackney with Ougier and Berty out of position. There-

after, Leicester made their own luck, both with the ball and without it: they mixed what has become the traditional rolling maul with quickwitted invention in midfield, where Rob Liley played perhaps his best game of the season. His combination with Greenwood, now developing so fast as an inside centre, showed a side to the Midlanders that their rivals have been eager to deny.

Yet, even with a 20-6 interval advantage, the game was not safe for Leicester. Had they kept their heads, Touway back into the game; they had been denied a try in the first half only by Herculean defence, Leicester bodies being insinuated under Deylaud and Cazalbou over the try-line. But, in the third quarter, they reacted poorly to adverse decisions. "For 312 years we have won most of our games and we are not used to failure,' Guy Noves, their coach, said.

Deylaud, in particular, was culpable and Soula, the hooker sent off against Cardiff early in this tournament, gave a one-finger gesticulation to the crowd as he was replaced which was not, one suspects, an acknowledgement of Toulouse's passing premiership. Leicester, no mean provocateurs themselves on occasions. kept their discipline superbly and, when Garforth completed a 20-metre rolling maul ith their third try, the co

was over. Yet there were three more tries to come. If Bob Dwyer. Leicester's director of coaching, revelled in Garforth's score, he was even more pleased with Healey's corner try, which featured good setpiece work, good retrieval by Potter and instant recognition by Hackney, Rob Liley and Greenwood of the opportunity available. Greenwood's chip and laying-off of the ball to his flat-mate, Healey, allowed the scrum half to beat Lacroix to the line. That Marfaing's closing flourish showed what Toulouse could do was, in itself, testimony to Leicester's

M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards. Hackney replaced by R Underwood (75mm). 1/5mm).
TOULOUSE: S. Ougier, E. Nhamack, M. Martang, T. Castagnède, D. Berty, C. Deytaud, J. Cazabou, C. Cattiano, P. Soula, J-L. Jordans, D. Lacrob, H. Mortn, F. Belot, R. Sonnes, S. Dispagne, Sonnes replaced by H. Martert (SB); Soula replaced by P. Lasserre (72).

Humphreys off as Cardiff 100 Brive encounter

FROM GERALD DAVIES IN BRIVE

CARDIFF'S attempt to repeal ast season's achievement and contest the final of the Heineken Cup effectively ended in the twelfth minute of the second half here in France yesterday when Jonathan Humphreys, the club's hooker and Wales captain, was sent off. He had been warned in the 25th minute and issued with a yellow card in the 38th after a couple of fracas.

Brive were awarded a penalty five metres from the visitors' line, Carbonneau tapped the ball quickly and can. Humphreys, retreating from an obvious offside position, tackled the scrum half. Bearing in mind what had one before, the sending off might have been technically correct but it was also unduly harsh. No violence was involved, so a penalty try might have been more appropriate nunishment.

Brive were 16-6 ahead at the time. While they twice extended that lead after this, it was Cardiff who ended the stronger team. They felt duly aggrieved at the decision, which has brought Humbreys a seven-day ban. He looks set to miss the international against the United States on Saturday as a result. although Cardiff are planning to appeal.

This was a muscular confrontation between two wellmatched sides. That the fixture took place at all was the result of a massive salvage operation by the French club. Sterling work by 60 volunteers cleared the surface of the heavy snow that fell during the night. Seventy servicemen then lifted away some 20 tonnes of straw.

Lamaison put Brive ahead with a penalty after 50 seconds. This was followed by a 12-minute period in which Cardiff pressed Brive into deeply defensive positions but failed to affect the scoreboard. Brive's next foray to the visitors' territory was rewarded immediately as Lamaison To a cacophony of noise, and with the leftover snow from the terraces being put to distracting use as snowballs. Jonathan Davies closed the gap with a penalty. If Cardiff were acquitting themselves well in an intimidating stadium and enjoying the territoriominious signs for them

Venditti and Lamaison were starting to breach a vulnerable Cardiff midfield and Duboisset and Kacala were proving difficult to stop in the loose fringes. The visitors came close to scoring but never quite managed it and Lamaison increased the lead with his third penalty before half-time.

If the first 40 minutes had been predictably forward-oriented and played at the steady, but insistent, pace, Brive raised the tempo after the interval. A likely score from Penaud's chip ahead was saved by Howley.

Then Casadei crossed the line but Walker's last-ditch tackle prevented him grounding the ball. Carrat. too. crossed the line but was held up by Jonathan Davies. Venditti, however, afte

good work by Ross and Kacala, finally broke brilliantly in the centre and scored underneath the posts. Lamaison converted.

The visitors responded pos itively but, as Taylor, their captain, said afterwards, they were unable to break cleanly away from the home team's stern tackling and their only reward was another Davies penalty. With Humphreys on his way to the dressing-room. Duboisset made immediate capital by scoring a try. Lamaison converted this and kicked another penalty.

A rout seemed likely instead, it was Cardiff who began to take the initiative. The home team's inclination biatantly kept the visitors in their opponents half and with ten minutes to go, they were awarded a penalty try.

which Davies converted. However, it is Brive who march onwards, while Cardiff return home to concentrate on their Weish League programme, with the goal of ensuring their qualification for next season's competition.

Ireland undone by continuity failure

AS THE Irish national newspapers bayed yesterday for the head of Murray Kidd, the coach, on a plate, three prominent members of the team that lost so dismally to Italy at Lansdowne Road on Saturday unburdened themselves of sundry inane comments in personal", but obviously ghost-written, columns in the same publications. Rugby now is a professional game, of course, but, after a witless performance by Ireland, the outpourings were little short

Kidd has become the scapegoat, which is odd, since Pat Whelan, the team manager, is the one who does most of the talking. Both are national selectors and are the men most targeted by the media, though the fact that they are aided in their deliberations by three other largely anonymous gentlemen with full voting powers

is conveniently ignored. For the past several years, team selection has been far from consistent. Last season the final Ireland team, which lost to England, differed in eight positions from the first, which had defeated Fiji the previous November. This season six effective changes were made after the match against Western Samoa and two one enforced - after the game with Australia.

Solomon-like selection may not end Ireland's on-the-field woes, but it would surely help that befell the team on Saturday. Italy were very good, as the try-count of 41 illustrates.

but Ireland were woeful.

Jonathan Bell's unconverted try was virtually a blast from the past, the result of a foot rush, a long speculative boot upfield by Conor O'Shea, a hack-on by Dominic Crotty-and a defensive mix-up — all Bell had to do was fall on the ball. Italy's tries, by contrast, were well-worked, none more so than the delightfully-engineered final one, scored by Diego Dominguez, the gifted stand-off half.

It is arguable whether or not Italy were guilty of professional fouls whenever Ireland got into any sort of attacking position, but they deliberately killed the ball many times and Paul Burke kicked eight penal-

ty goals to put some respect-ability to the scoreline. Besides his kicking, though, Burke has little else to offer: indeed. Crotty and Topping. on the wings, did not receive a

past between them. O'Shea ran well without ever really creating anything; Jeremy Davidson had a fine match in the lineout; Keith Wood, Paul Wallace and David Corkery had their moments; but there ended the good news for Ireland. Dominguez and Alessandro

Troncon were at the kernel of an excellent Italy back line, in which Allessandro Stoica, a new cap, and Pertile stood out. Survival against a fourminute Ireland siege on their goalline when the score was 29-30 spoke volumes for the strength and tenacity of a pack that gave as good as it got.

Saturday week will be awaited by Ireland with trepidation. After Italy, la deluge looks a

very real prospect.

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SCORERS: Ireland: Try: Bell Penelty goals: Burke (6) Italy; Tries: Vaccan (2), Massimo Cuttita. Domarquez Conversions: Dominguez (4). Penelty goals: Domarquez (3)

IRELAND: G M P O'Shee (London Insh); J A Topping (Ballymena). J C Bell (Northamptor), M C McCall (Dungannon). D J Crotty (Garryoven): P A Burke (Bristol); S C Mchor (Garryoven). N J Popplewell (Nowcastie), K G M Wood (Harloquens, captari), P S Wallace (Saracens), D S Corkery (Bristol), G M Fulcher (London Irish), J W Davidson (London Irish). E R P Miller (London Irish), J W Davidson (London Irish), F R P Miller (London Irish), J W Davidson (London Irish), J W Davidson (London Irish), J W Davidson (London Irish). J P Perille (Roma): P Vaccani (Calvesno), S Bordon (Rovigo), A Stoles (Milan), Hercello Cuttita (Milan): D Dominguez (Milan), A Troncon (Treviso), Massimo Cuttita (Milan, captari), C Orlandi (Milan), F Propertzi (Milan), W Cristotoletto (Treviso), A Sporion (Treviso), O Arando (Milan) Marcello Cuttita replaced by N Mazzucato (Padova, 45mn): Cristotoletto replaced by C Checchinano (Treviso, 67).

little impact on Bath "It is going to take a couple of kicked further penalty goals

Saracens...

By NICOLAS ANDREWS WE WERE squeezed on to a

freezing clubhouse fire-escape well over an hour after the final whistle of this Courage Clubs Championship first division match. Darkness had fallen, deadlines had passed, trains home were missed.

Not many players could still command the rapt attention of the grumbling rugby writers. But then, not many players lead their country to World Cup victory at the first attempt. Not many players were voted more newsworthy in their homeland than their nation's president in 1996 and Nelson Mandela is not any old president. Yes, rugby's great ambassador had come to town: cooh aaah Pienaari

Then, after a circulationrestoring shower, after countless autographs had been signed, photographs posed for and television interviews taped. Francois spoke to us. He had not particularly en-joyed his delayed debut for Saracens. They had lost on a freezing afternoon and, three months after his last game, he was hardly match-fit. The Saracens players have

been unable to train together properly as a team recentlyand potentially the league's most formidable back-row combination was disrupted by the late withdrawal through injury of Richard Hill. So the man who had inspired President Mandela to wear his No 6 World Cup shirt on that moving afternoon at Ellis Park in fact wore No 7 for Saracens, switched to a less

familiar open-side position. Nevertheless, Pienaar was impressed by the opposition's tactics and by his team-mates' application after conceding a 21-point lead. "It was always going to be difficult," he said.

games to start playing as a

"Sometimes you forget the guys' names when you are running behind them and want the ball. But I was very happy with the way the guys came back. I was pleasantly surprised with their guts.

"It was a tough game, Bath's strength is in the rolling maul. They do it very well and their defence is good." Volunteers worked through

the night at the Recreation Ground to ensure this game went ahead. Pitch covers and hot-air blowers kept the elements at bay at a cost of



Pienaar impressed

£50,000 and the Bath players almost repaid their groundstaff's exertions by throwing away the league title.

Andy Robinson, team coach in the continued absence of Brian Ashton, said afterwards that Bath must win every game if they are to cling on to their crowns. But, despite leading 35-14 on the hour, they almost let it slip.

Early penalty goals were exchanged by Callard and Lynagh before the Bath forwards rolled into action. Federico Méndez scored his first try for the club after Haag had won a lineout. Then a penalty scrum saw Ojomoh put Webster over.

Lynagh, twice, and Callard

of the half, worked the ball from right to left. Diprose found Sella and the mostcapped Frenchman fed Smith. The Canada international, another Saracens new boy, brushed Sleightholme aside to score in the corner. But Lynagh missed what was to prove a costly conversion. Bath won the game soon after half-time. Lynagh's kick was charged down by Butland, Guscott kicked

before Saracens, in their move

ahead and gathered and the champions were awarded a penalty try in the ensuing pileup under the posts. Then another rolling maul set up a position from which Butland chipped through and Guscott caught the ball on the full to touch down. "When we started to generate a rhythm, we were outstanding," Robinson said.
Three tries in 15 minutes brought Saracens storming back, but it was catch-up rugby and they had too much to do. "I'm very disappointed," Mark Evans, the Saracens director of rugby, said. "We felt we could come down here and win and, when you do quite a lot right, it is all the more irritating when you give

away so many soft points. Bath hope to resolve their coaching situation today, when they hear Ashton's response to their latest proposals. They also hope to sign German Llanes, the Argentina forward, who was one of the 5,500 spectators shivering happily in the stands.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Méndez, Webster, Guscott, penalty try. Conversions: Callad

(/Smin) SAFACENS: M Evens: R Wellera, P Sele S Rawenscrott, C Smith: M Lyndgh, P Bracken, A Dav. G Bottermen, A Olver, G Clark, C Yandell, A Copsey, F Penser, J

Union denies reports that Rowell is to go

BY DAVID HANDS

REPORTS that Jack Rowell. the England coach, is to be removed from office before the start of the five nations championship this month have been dismissed by the Rugby Football Union (RFU). Rowell will remain in position at least until the annual review of all England's management team is undertaken by the RFU's national playing committee, after the champ-

ionship has finished. There is no chance of any change before the five nations, that would be totally unrealistic," one member of the national playing commit-tee said yesterday. "There has been some unhappiness about aspects of England's performances so far but there is no plan to replace Jack. If we don't improve, obviously that would increase the pressure but that's part of professional

The committee met a month

ago, after England's three autumn internationals which brought them a heavy victory over Italy — which their subsequent displays against Scotland and Ireland have placed into context - a convincing defeat by the New Zealand Barbarians and an untidy two-point win over

Rowell's achievements since taking office in 1994 have included a grand slam and a championship win in the five nations, and a World Cup semi-final place. Mixed showings with a muchchanged team, therefore, are not yet considered a sacking

"The RFU fully endorses the support of the current England management team and looks forward to a successful five nations' championship under their leadership." Cliff Brittle, chairman of the RFU executive committee, said.

Botham sound in defence

West Hartlépool 19

By Christopher Irvine

THE England cricket team might learn, via a proud father, of the character in adversity displayed by West Hartlepool and absorb an important lesson. A lean sixfooter, Liam Botham lacks the physical beef of Botham senior, but the familiar heart and cussedness to succeed are there. Above all, it was a triumph for teamwork at Brierton Lane on Saturday. and the young newcomer made a sterling first contribution.

Botham's first-class cricketing career quickly tailed off after he took five for 67 for Hampshire against Middlesex on his debut. Rugby is his preferred profession. and while his Courage Clubs Championship debut brought no try, his part in a rare West Hartlepool victory was a satisfying start to a career in which he can make a name for himself free of the "like father. like son" tag. There were glimpses of a

quick, upright runner, and confident distributor, whose youthful enthusiasm involved over-running Jamie Connolly, the tactically astute centre inside him, on one occasion. What impressed was Botham's tackling, bold and decisive in midfield alongside Connolly, and one of the reasons Bristol foundered on the rocks of an uncharacteristically indomitable West performance.

There is little outward resemblance to his father, except when Botham, 19. smiles. 'It's the best game I've played in, certainly the most excit-ing," he said. "It wasn't a huge crowd, but the atmosphere was amazing. Ringo [Mark Ring. West's director of rugby quoted Gavin Hastings in telling us to keep to the gameplan and tackle, tackle, tackle. I think we did that."

Bristol began well but ended abysmally, putting up an

scrum to supply Robert Jones with their try caught out Challinor. but the hooker turned flanker was then wise to the tactic, so time and again Corry got caught in isolation. At No 8 for West, Ivan Morgan held the makeshift back row together superbly. His bullocking charges formed the build-up to Connolly's try, and after Silva's early penalty goal, the placekicking of Stabler. despite one fluffed effort from in front of goal, steered West

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RUGBY UNION: FRENCHMAN MARKS DEBUT WITH 14 POINTS

Harlequins revived by Lacroix's kick-start

Harlequins ...

By JOHN HOPKINS

HAVE Harlequins turned the corner? In future will this game be regarded as the one when their disperate and multi-talented group of players produced a real team effort? For too long Harlequins have promised so much and delivered so little, but they showed fortitude and commitment to make sure that they avoided a fourth successive defeat in the Courage Clubs Championship.

Did Thierry Lacroix make the difference? On his debut for Harlequins, the stand-off half from Dax, who is purponedly being paid £5,000 per game, suddenly contributed to the way his team came from eight points behind after 50 minutes to snatch a thrilling victory. Class nearly always shows but, even so, it was hard to believe, from the way Lacrotx landed five kicks out of five and competed admirably under intense pressure, that he had not played since October.

No wonder Dick Best, the director of rugby at Hariequins, had a wide grin on his face after the game. "Fourteen points in his first game," Best said. "We are delighted, we have not had a kicker before.

looking up for 1997."

One of the many subplots that contributed to making this such an enjoyable game was being able to compare Lacroix with Alex King, the Wasps stand-off. Lacroix won this encounter, though King did drop one goal, kicked well crough with his left foot (and Once with his right) and coped with the attention of the Harlequins back row. He is not as frail as he looks. Another subplot was the confrontation between Valaiga Tuigamala and Will Carling in the centre,

which ended all square. As play moved at a hectic pace, it was a day for back-row forwards. Sure enough, Chris Sheasby, Lawrence Dallaglio, Michael White, Bill Davison and Rory Jenkins all caught the eye. But the forward who really stood out was Laurent Cabannes. His shock of dark hair makes him look younger than he is and, on occasions, his athleticism is something to behold. It is only his knees, covered with yards of han-dages, that reveal how long he has been around. Yesterday he was outstanding in attack and defence, creating one try, possibly saving another.

Ten thousand spectators braved the biting cold and saw a game that was relentless and thrilling from the first whistle to the last. From the way Wasps started, there looked to

Cronin scored a try as early as the sixth minute and had an energetic canter again a few minutes later. Gareth Rees kicked two penalties, so

Wasns, much to the enjoyment of a vocal crowd, led 11-6 at half-time. But Harlequins had a better organised lineout and, although Rees kicked another penalty to put Wasps 146 ahead in the sixth minute of the second half, the balance, which hitherto had been in favour of the home side, now began to tilt discernibly to the Cabannes, running out of

defence, set off the move that ended with the Harlequins try. In between, Lacroix and Huw Harries moved the ball on. Then, Gary Connolly sliced in off his left foot and darted between Will Green and Rees, leaving them both lying on the ground looking disconsolately at the fairhaired figure who has made such an impression for Harlequins as he ran under the posts to score. Two minutes later. Wasps were caught off-

third penalty, the one that put Harlequins in the lead for the first time.

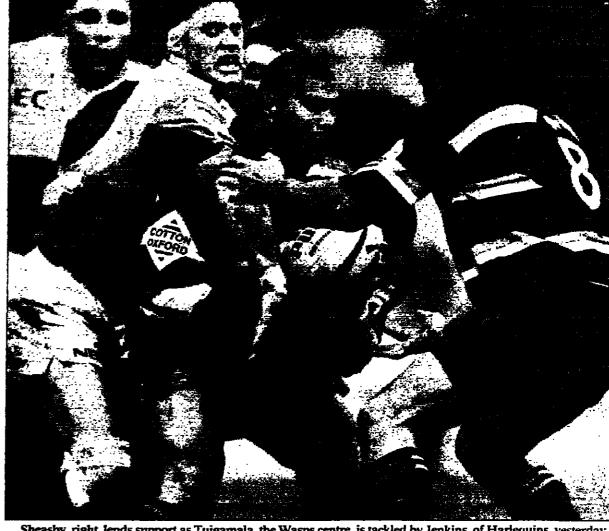
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That made for a pulsating last quarter in which Lacroix kicked another penalty. King dropped a goal and Wasps hammered away relentlessly. There was no doubting their determination. With a couple of minutes remaining, Rees had a penalty chance from near the halfway line. It was a big kick and he is a man for the big occasion, but this one was too much for him, Wasps had conceded too many penalties and for once Harlequins had played with real spirit.

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Sheasby, right, lends support as Tuigamala, the Wasps centre, is tackled by Jenkins, of Harlequins, yesterday

Spanish are Neath far scuppered by forward power play **Eagles**

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

HEADINGLEY may now be the base of Leeds rugby union club, but it is still widely regarded as the spiritual home of rugby league. Inter-national rugby union was last played there in 1893, until yesterday, when the women of Spain and their English counterparts took to the heated

Unlike the men 104 years, Scotland, England were the victors yesterday — just it took a last-minute try to quell a valiant Spain. Compared with a 20,000 crowd in 1893. the terraces were less congest ed. No more than 150 shiver ing souls turned up for a match originally earmarked for Morley and saved by

Headingley's ageing under-ground electric blanket. This warm-up game before England's defence of their home nations title later in the month provided quite a scare. The world champions of 1994 were trailing 15-10 until Spain, for a second time, were sucker-punched by a quick tapped penalty and thrust for the line by Emma Mitchell, the livewire Saracens scrum half. Deirdre Mills had earlier missed two straightforward penalties, but her winning

conversion went over. Women's rugby in Eng-land, one of the great growth areas of the past decade, now has its first professional administrator. Nicky Ponsford was on the replacements bench yesterday and her brief to increase participation is already paying divideods, especially at youth level. There are now 250 clubs and a record 48 teams are involved in the Bread for Life National

Cup. Spain rued an early penalty miss by Ines Erregibel, which struck a post. England played a tight game, which brought two tries for Gill Burns, the captain and No 8, one from a tapped penalty and another a pushover, but too often control was lacking, and the smaller Spanish forwards mopped up the trouble.

England's victory was eventually forged by forward power, but Spain's greater adventure was rewarded by two marvellous second-half tries by Paz Estevan, whose creative half-back partnership with Rosa Calafat, Spain's captain, lit up an otherwise uninspiring contest.

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So, on Saturday, at Cardiff ran circles round them.

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Evans cut through in the

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captain, who will be facing the United States again on Satur-day as part of the Wales back row, scored Neath's fifth try two minutes after half-time. The United States gained

The United States have a considerable amount of work to do before they meet Wales, particularly on avoiding making simple handling and kicking errors, that would surely be exploited by a national side.

United States XV...... 15 By Allson Keryin

THE American corporations who thrust billions of dollars at the country's traditional sports have failed significantly to back an enthusiastic national rugby union team - the Eagles — that is desperate for financial assistance.

Arms Park, they were playing together for the first time in three months and looked decidedly second rate, losing possession in numovers and

area of play — particularly in the first half. In the second played with more confidence. but their forwards were still

only full-time professionals. Neath finished their scoring with Kevin Allen, a secondhalf replacement, crossing for

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making basic errors as Neath Neath dominated every period the United States

Neath took the lead in the first few minutes, a kick and chase by Chris Higgs giving them their opening try. The United States barely had time to gather their thoughts before the second score came. Patrick Horgan combining with Andrew Kembury for a try that was converted by Paul Wil-hams. Barrie Williams, the Neath hooker, took a tapped penalty from which Geraint

centre for a third try. The United States opened their account when Matt Alexander kicked a penalty goal, but it was matched for Neath by Paul Williams, who then

Williams. Steve Williams, the Neath

some credibility in the second half when Andre Bachelet, at scrum half, sped away to touch down then Mark Scharrenberg, in the centre was put clear by Matt Alexander. Both scorers play for Reading in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship, where they are the

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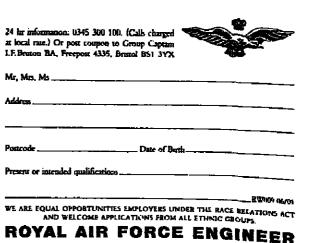
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Sorry England require more than fighting talk

BEFORE leaving Harare for Auckland and the second leg of England's winter tour, to New Zealand, David Lloyd and Michael Atherton were putting as brave a face as they could on the outcome of the first leg, in Zimbabwe. However, a summary of the results there tells its own shocking tale: played ten, won two, lost five, drawn two, with one

Rather than disclose how much these results differed from expectations, coach and caprain preferred on Saturday to look forward to the different conditions and challenges awaiting them in New Zealand. They insisted that morale remained good within the team and that there was nothing for it but to get back down to work once their journey was complete. Asked whether he was still willing to lead a losing side, Atherton said that he did not see the point in giving up.

Underpinning their argument is the reasoning that, by sticking to what they are doing, things will somehow improve. They are going to keep telling their charges that they are still good players, that the media has been unduly harsh, that the opposition is no better than they are, and that everything will be all right on the night.

Men charged with running a sports team sometimes have little option but to massage the truth, but the question has to be asked: what earthly reason is there for believing that England will do any better in New Zealand than in Zimbabwe, let alone at home to Australia next summer? Whatever is being said, it is going to be hard for the players to pick themselves up from what must have been a disheartening six weeks in

The facts tell a brutal story. England played the full Zimbabwe side five times and did not win once - this the same Zimbabwe who were beaten in ten of their first 20 Test matches, who had lost their ten previous one-day internationals against Test-playing nations, and who had never won a limited-overs series.

Now, after a 3-0 drubbing in the one-day internationals and two inconclusive Test matches (even if the visitors were one ball away from winning in Bulawayo), it is England who have lost their past 12 one-day matches against Test nations overseas, where they have not won a one-day series in five years; England who have won only one Test series on tour in

the past decade. They last won a series against Australia in 1987. against Pakistan in 1982 and When will England first beat Zimbabwe, a country for which cricket has been revitalised after so many recent setbacks by the events of the past few weeks, and which may now continue to blossom as English cricket continues to

There have, of course, been plusses. The return to form of Alec Stewart, the progress made by John Crawley. Darren Gough and Robert Croft, and to a lesser extent by Nasser Hussain and Nick Knight, are all causes for encouragement, and suggest that there is potentially the core of a good side for the next

However, these players will not be tasting success regular-ly unless an all-rounder worth his salt is unearthed rapidly. as well as two or three bowlers of quality. Andy Caddick may yet have something to contribute in his native New Zealand. but the impression he made in the early days in Zimbabwe was so insipid that he was not chosen for any of the international fixtures, and despite bowling well at times. Alan Mullally did nothing to suggest that he has it in him to bowl out Test sides regularly.

The danger is that, by talking as they did, Lloyd and Atherton could be accused of complacency, a charge that was levelled even before the team left for Zimbabwe, having not touched bat or ball for two months and preferring to settle for a fitness and golfing get-together in Portugal.

While England were having nothing to do with the game. Zimbabwe played Test series in Sri Lanka and Pakistan and

TOUR STATISTICS

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MacLaurin of Knebworth, the new chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, does not hold with this view.

MacLaurin's arrival during the second Test in Harare, where England gave their worst batting performance of the tour to be dismissed for 156 on the first day, could not have been more timely, because he is already convinced that English cricket possesses deepseated problems that must be solved if this multimillionpound business is not to be placed in jeopardy.

MacLaurin understands that cricket is a market product, which is not to say that he is insensitive to the game as a game, but he knows that the bottom line is that few people are willing to back a failing product, as the recent withdrawal of Tetley Bitter as sponsor of the national team testifies. Even as he starts to take soundings from the counties and other interested parties about what revival plan he should put forward in the next few months, he is reiterating that nothing must be allowed to harm the game's image.

Within this context, the England captain and coach represent the public face of the national game, and MacLaurin expects them to be approachable and enthusiastic at all times. Atherton's habit of being a reluctant interviewee does not sit happily with this brief, nor does Lloyd's often passionate, rather than pragmatic, view of events.

Surely the time must also end when anyone should attempt to qualify further Engdefeats in one-day internationals overseas by saying that they had not brought with them the best one-day players. England

ENGLAND FIRST-CLASS TOUR AVERAGES





The return to form of Stewart, left, and Gough's progress gave England reason to believe that they possess the core of a good side

have a duty to attempt to win these matches, which are an essential, if not the essential part, of the modern game.

What MacLaurin, for his part, must do is address the position of the players as a whole. They, too, are ambassadors for the game who must show an interest in their hosts and their hosts' country. With the tide turning against them on the field, they can ill afford to acquire a reputation for ungraciousness off it.

However, these same players, who alone among international teams play summer and winter every year, deserve better care than they now receive. They need the freedom from their counties to stay fresh for their country. they need realistic and sensitive tour schedules which take into account the needs of families, and they need to be treated like adults. Perhaps only then will England start to win regularly again.

New Zealand plan early strike

IN AUCKLAND

ENGLAND'S cricketers flew into New Zealand early this morning after a 30-hour flight from Harare for the second part of their winter tour. If they were seeking a safe port to hide from the gales of criticism, they encountered in Zimbahwe there was nothing to encourage them. "England", a Wellington newspaper trailed on its back page by way of welcome, "expect

the worst" That, sadly, is how England are now regarded in every cricket-playing country. In Australia there is disbelief that David Lloyd, the coach, can presume so much from such lack of achievement. In New Zealand they know and care so little about the touring party that a player-by-player guide in yesterday's national Sunday paper (briefed, it should be said, by Matthew Maynard the Glamorgan captain, who is wintering here) referred to a Yorkshire

bowler called Silverman. New Zealand's two finest players of recent years have urged their successors to hit England hard, and hit them immediately. "New Zealand should not be worried about the England side," Martin

into the series with a good game-plan, and stick to it." Sir Richard Hadlee was more explicit. "We have to nail

these guys," he said. "Very rarely do we go into a series as favourites," Hadlee said, "and this is a vital period for our game. We have enough talent to do it, and the players should now have enough belief. They must say, 'come on, England are here for the taking'. And boy, if we can't whip them now, then we have a lot of soul-searching left to do ourselves."

Of 26 previous series between the teams, New Zealand have won only two, and they lack players of the class

they are good enough to have won a Test in Pakistan this winter. Under Steve Rixon, the former Australia Test player, they are reshaping their team.

Rixon, according to Hadlee, "is absolutely right in his approach. He can't be too fazed with what has gone on with Englandi. His iob clearly is to get the team to perform to the best of its ability." If ability is defined by the results the teams have achieved over the past year then they are well-matched: England won one Test out of nine. New

Zealand one out of six. Michael Atherton will play



row in an effort to find some batting form after managing only 196 runs in 13 innings in Zimbabwe Dominic Cork, who missed the first leg of the winter tour because of domestic problems, might also play. But first the Derbyshire all

rounder had to explain to Lloyd why he missed two fitness assessments in Eng land over Christmas. On arriving here a few bours ahead of the main party, Cork said that there had been a breakdown in communications between him and England's fitness adviser, Dean Riddle. "I'm raring to go, I'm physically fit and I can't wait to start playing," Cork said. "I'm clear in my mind that I'm ready to concentrate exclusively on cricket."

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Glorious partnership fuelled by audacity

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN CAPE TOWN

NEWLANDS (fourth day of five): India, with seven secondinnings wickets in hand, need 375 runs to beat South Africa

A REALLY memorable partnership between Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammad Azharuddin on Saturday afternoon, when that alone could have saved India, has kent the second Test match here alive. South Africa will still almost certainly win it. but it would be good to think that half the Tests to be played in 1997 will produce as worthwhile a game as this one.

With one day left, India, needing 427 to win, are 52 for three. Even with Tendulkar and Azharuddin yet to be got out, they will not make them of course. Targets as stiff as this are never reached in Test cricket. But if India were to get away with a draw, that alone will make the last day worth

watching. When South Africa thought it safe to declare their second innings ten minutes after tea yesterday, India were left to bat for 28 overs before the close, and in that time they lost Mongia, Raman and Dravid - Mongia to something just about unplayable from Donald, and Dravid, a batsman of delightful promise, to what

looked a pretty chancy decision. Indian commentators likened the weather here at the moment to Jaipur at its best and it is an excellent five-day pitch, so India can have no grievances on that account. After 35 minutes play on

Saturday they were facing

their second drubbing within a week. It seemed perfectly possible, indeed quite likely. that the match would be over that evening. Needing 329 even to save the follow-on, and with the ball moving around. they were 58 for five when Azharuddin joined Tendulkar. I am inclined to think that in the circumstances the partnership that followed was the most scintillating I have watched in 2,000 days, or a few more, of writing about

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derful, and to round it all off such liberties that Tendulkar the great Nelson Mandela was among the 18.000 present. having asked to come along. Sport," he once said, "has a role to play in uniting many countries of the world because it speaks a language and spreads ideals which reach circles beyond the reach of

politicians."
Well, while adding 222 in 175 minutes and 40 overs. India's young captain and his more venerable predecessor played a game that has been beyond the reach of almost everyone who has ever batted. It was a kind of magic, the synchronisation of eye and wrist, informed in Tendulkar's case by a calculating cricket mind. Azharuddin, whose 115 took

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dictated by their deficit of 170. seemed unsure whether or not It was to keep South Africa in to counsel moderation. It is the field for as long as they could with a holding operavery rare to see two great players spreading their wings tion. The way of doing that these days is by fitting in no together in a Test match. It never happened, for example, more than 13 or at the most 14 with Compton and Hutton, or, overs in the hour (in theory 15 on a less exalted plane with is the statutory requirement) Gower and Botham. I saw and having your leg spinner. in this case Kumble, bowl into Frank Worrell and Everton the rough outside the right-Weekes make 283 together in handed batsman's leg stump. 312 hours in the Trent Bridge Test of 1950, but the bowling If wickets fall, so much the then was less demanding and better. the situation much less critical In the event, they now did,

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so that the time came yesterthan faced the two Indians now. In the end Azharuddin, day afternoon when South still in a world of his own, ran Africa were casting vaguely anxious glances at the score-board. When Cronje was sixth himself out, and Tendulkar. with the last man in, fell to a out, the third wicket to fall in stupendous one-handed catch on the square-leg boundary. quite quick sucession, they So Saturday was a great were still only 325 ahead and day's cricket. Even so, India's the pitch was little different main aim yesterday had to be from what it had been when Tendulkar and Azharuddin

> Kumble had to wait until his 61st over before taking his first wicket of the match; but from round the wicket, between lunch and Cronje's declaration, he bowled 16 overs for 38 runs and the wickets of Cullinan, bowled trying to improvise, and Cronje, caught at short leg. Nothing much bothers McMillan, though. and he and Pollock, by adding 101 together, gave South Africa all the runs and many more that they were likely to need.

enjoyed themselves so much.

Lara back on century duty

BRIAN LARA scored his first century on tour as West Indies beat Australia by seven wickets in a high-scoring limited overs international in Brisbane yesterday.

Lara made a scintillating return to his dominating best in scoring 102 to steer West Indies to victory, with seven balls to spare, in their World Series encounter at the Gabba.

Chasing Australia's impos-ing 281 for four in 50 overs, West Indies comfortably reached 284 for three on the strength of Lara's efforts and an equally impressive century from Carl Hooper.

Hooper, batting one place below his vice-captain at No 4, abandoned his early support-

By Our Sports Staff ing role, once Lara was out, to

take responsibility during the final overs: Fittingly, he hit the winning runs to finish unbeaten on IIO. After looking badly out of sorts for several weeks, Lara finally found his timing and placement in a purposeful

innings that featured two sixes and eight fours. He and Hooper shared in a third-wicket partnership of 154 off only 167 balls. larly disappointing for Mark Waugh, the Australia opener,

The result proved particuwho matched Lara's achievement by scoring 102, before being run out. Smart Law, the all-rounder, contributed a bold 93, joining with Waugh to

SCOREBOARD PROMBERS FOR

AUSTRALIA Total (4 wkts, 50 overs) ... T M Moody, 11 A Healy, S K Warne, A J Bichel and A M Stuart did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS 1-57, 2-202, 3-227, 4-253. 90MUNG: Bishop 10:2-33-1, Walsh 8-0-50-0; Ambrose 9-0-53-0; McLean 6-0-23-1; Chanderpaul 2-0-16-0; Hooper 7-0-52-0; Adams 8-0-47-0 WEST INDIES

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Man of the metch: C.L.Hoz Umpires: P D Perker and S G Randell,

ternational against Australia in Hobart on Tuesday with a hard-lought three-wicket win over Tasmania. The tourists reached their 236-run target with an over to spare. They appeared to be

cruising at 161 for two but lost four wickets in 33 balls to slide to 178 for six before Mushiaq Ahmed, the leg-spinner, guided them home with 15 not out.



Oliver Holt begins a series on the fallen Formula One giants emerging from hibernation

Benetton set out to regain place in the sun



has fewer new regulations to cope with next season than in past times, but it does have a new lore. The living legend of Michael Schumacher preoccupies every team owner with pretensions to success. Flavio Briatore, the man who once owned the golden child, can read the runes more accurately than most.

Briatore, the managing director, sits behind his desk in his office at the Benetton factory in Enstone. Oxfordshire, bathed in a half-light cast by the dark wood panelling that lines the room, staring out at the falling snow. There is nobody out there like Schumacher," he says. "If you want to beat him, just make sure your car is a second quicker than the Ferrari. That is the only way."

That is the task. That is the

bottom line. The duels that will take place on circuits from South America to Suzuka between early March and late October will play a part in the desuny of the drivers' and constructors' titles, but since everyone knows that nobody is Schumacher's equal, the crux lies in the equipment.

Although the first race, in Mel-bourne in early March, will be nerve-racking enough, the moment of truth is a lot closer. This is the week that team owners will begin biting their nails in earnest. watching as Ferrari unveil their new car at their headquarters in Maranello tomorrow, and then TWR Arrows launch the vehicle to propel Damon Hill into the next phase of his career at the Motor Show in Birmingham on press day on Thursday.

Even allowing for the complex deceptions - the "sandbagging" that can dominate winter testing. the destination of the championship will probably be painfully apparent long before the cars line up on the grid for the Australian Grand Prix. If the cars are not quick out of the box, the saving goes, they never will be quick.

For all its summer fancies, its jaunts to Monte Carlo and to Monza, grand prix racing is really



Briatore, the Benetton managing director, has his eyes on the prizes at the team's headquarters in Oxfordshire, where he says his charges have wintered well

'Since everybody knows that Schumacher has no equal as a driver, the crux lies in the equipment. That is the bottom line'

new drivers. Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi, who had different modi operandi to the young German. Mistakes were made, morale dropped. From taking the constructors' and drivers' championships in 1995, Benetton did not win race last year.

At the end of the season, they seemed like a team under siege. Ross Brawn, their highly-rated technical director, defected to Ferrari and their designer, Rory Byrne, retired from the sport. There were even rumours, hotly denied by Benetton, that they were

trying to get rid of Alesi. The winter, though, has rejuvenated them. Alesi and Berger are opti-mistic, happy now in their changed environment after struggling to settle in. Promotions from within to fill the gaps left by Brawn and Byrne seem to have fostered an esprit de corps that was, untypically, missing last year. At

TOMORROW

the way ahead for Benetton

last, there is a pervading sense of a new beginning at Benetton.
"We reached the end of a cycle

last season," Briatore said. "When one cycle is finished you need to embark on another. It is like coming to the end of a curve on a graph. We had great success with Ross, but you always need to recognise when one period is

"Sometimes, you create a big name someone who has big success, but then you have to have the nerve to change the name. Now there is a new challenge for Pat Symonds, Ross's replacement. This company is not a one-man band. It is more complicated than that. I believe we need to give the possibility to people out there to

"In 20 years, there will not be the same people around. You need new blood, new talent. It is good for the company because the promotions we have made show that if you work hard, you have the possibility to grow in the company. Everybody is very motivated now. The ambience is very good and we are back in business.

His biggest hope is that Alesi, too, will be back in business after a year plagued by inconsistencies and several careless accidents that left him fourth in the championship. Alesi and his Japanese girlfriend, Kumiko Goto, had a child in November, and Briatore is



Alesi: settled and optimistic

confident that the headstrong Frenchman will have matured enough in his attitude to put together a realistic attempt on the

"This is his last chance," Briatore said. "He has to show that he is not only talented but that he is a Formula One driver. He knows now that he has to spend more time with his engineers, involve himself deeper in the whole business of grand prix better what is going on. He needs to be part of the team, not something outside the team. This is what he was missing before and I need him to concentrate more on

"He changed from a very emotional situation to a very professional situation at the end of 1995 and it was too much for him to start with. When you change dramatically like that, it is like divorcing after many years and taking up with a new girlfriend. It can be a bit strange at first and you have to try to understand each other. Getting that right in the winter can be just as important as getting the car right and we did not have the time for either last year."

The rumours of financial problems, the suggestion that was floating around the sport several weeks ago that Benetton had missed out on significant bonus payments from sponsors because of their poor results, have disappeared, too, now that the season is drawing near.

"I like reading that kind of rubbish," Briatore said. "It is a good exercise for people who try to take money out of my pocket. But I know how much money I have in my pocket and I am happy."

Money in his pocket is one Ferrari run their new car will be a

more priceless asset altogether.

Klim steals the honours from Poll at World Cup

By Our Sports Staff

CLAUDIA POLL Costa Rica's Olympic champion, won three gold medals but it was Michael Klim, of Australia. who stole the show with four golds in the Epson World Cup short-course champion-hips in Hong Kong yesterday.

Klim, 19. added two gold medals to the pair he won on Saturday as the Australian men outmuscled the Chinese women and headed the medal standings with nine golds to China's seven.

Poll, the Olympic gold medal-winner in the women's 200 metres freestyle, yesterday won the women's 400 metres freestyle for her third gold medal of the meeting. She also collected silver in the 100 metres freestyle, losing out to Nian Yun. of China. "I have not competed in the 100 freestyle for two years so I am happy with three gold medals and my times." Poll said.

Klim, a protege of Gennady Tureski, the Russian who coached Alexander Popov. won the men's 200 metres freestyle and the 100 metres butterfly to complete a clean sweep of the events that he

Mathew Dunn won the men's 200 metres individual medley and Adrian Radlev's double in the 50 metres and 200 metres backstroke completed Australia's haul.

Adam Ruckwood, of Great Britain, came third behind Radley in the 200 metres, at which he is the Commonwealth champion, having also taken a bronze medal behind Radley in the 100 metres backstroke on Saturday.

Jan Wilson, who won bronze in the 400 metres freestyle on Saturday, followed up with third place in the 800 metres freestyle vesterday in 7min 54.76sec. 14 seconds adrift of Jorg Hoffmann, of Germany.

Yates reeling in the years with search for printed perfection

Brian Clarke celebrates the launch of a o say that Chris Yates lives in a dream world is magazine that breaks the angling mould true in every sense but the pejorative. In the mind of

the average course angler he lives on Mount Olympus and his friends have long where still lakes slumber and fantasised about the perfect fishing magazine. It would be clear streams wind and great fish are landed to an accompaa magazine reflecting the values of the Golden Scale Club. 2 His reality is not so differgroup of 21 anglers to which ent. Home is a long, low outage down Wessex way. they belong - "people who simply love angling, who rewhere Hampshire and Willject the new earnestness and shire and Dorset meet. Sheep technology and who rejoice in freekle the hill on the other the sport's freedom of spirit side of the road. The best of the

a winter's tale. In spring, its buds

may wither on the branch: by

summer, they have often fallen to

the ground, rotting and yellowing.

Now, in the months that straddle

the end of the year, is the time

when hope bursts into glorious

It is in full bloom at Enstone, at

icam that learnt the hard way

last year that if things are not right

at the beginning of the season.

there is little chance of putting

them right during it, or at least not

quickly enough to recover lost

ground. "December. January and

February," Briatore said. They

are the months you are not

competing but you are preparing

cope with the loss of Schumacher

Last season. Benetton could not

yourself for winning or losing."

technicolour in Formula One.

distant. Hidden lakes can be reached with an overhead lob. It is there that the most hallowed coarse angler in Britain, long-time holder of the carp record and barbelcatcher extraordinary, pursues his dream of the perfect life. The only things that matter to Yates are time with his family and time by the water. Money, which comes from what he can earn with his camera and his pen, scarcely counts beyond the

River Avon is a short cast

needs of the given day. Yates made his name by capturing a carp weighing 511b from Redmire pool in Herefordshire, in 1980. Since then he has been both at the dead centre of angling and screnely outside it. He deplores the high-each, chest-beating route so much of angling has taken and gets his own lish in a studiedly old-fashioned way. He has no electronic gizmos and no carbon-fibre whatnots. Yates uses hand-built. split cane rods and centrepin reels. His stock-in-trade is watercraft and a knowledge of the quarry. He has an instinctive sense of place and time and has created a lifestyle that

allows him to act on it. Most of Yates's non-lamily, non-fishing time in recent years has been devoted to writing. Three of his titles -Casting At The Sun. The Deepening Pool and The Secret Carp - would find their way on to many an allround angler's list of the finest fishing literature of this century

Now, though, there is something else on the agenda. Yates

and traditions". Which is to say old-time, laid-back funfishing, some of it serious. And so Yates has agreed to be co-editor of Waterlog, a

new bi-monthly angling journal, the first issue of which has just reached the news stands. The magazine is being coedited and managed by his friend, Jon Ward-Allen, who runs a small specialist publishing business, The Medlar Press. The address for subscription to Waterlog is The Grange, Ellesmere, Shrop-shire, SY12 9DE.

Waterlog will pose no threat to the barons of the angling press - indeed, it is aimed at a niche that has been deliberately ignored. There were, at the last count, over 30 fishing iournals and magazines, almost all of them of the hardbigger" kind. There is simply nowhere for the relaxed, literate, all-round angler to go, Yates and Ward-Allen feel: something for the angler who is simply in love with water and light and all things fishy and wants to read about them without being hectored.

And so Yates now finds himself at the centre of a cottage industry, which is to say his own cottage. While the children are at school and his wife is painting. Yates is at his production line, the old desk in his stove-heated study. There is no fax, a telephone that lives in a wicker creel with a hat



Yates has a lifestyle that seems part of an angling idyll

books are all around. Behind him, though, Yates has a deep knowledge of the best angling writing of the past and much goodwill. Together, they have made the first edition of Waterlog a

diverse and beautiful thing. Many famous writers, both past and present, are represented. Richard Walker, Bernard Venables. Maurice ingham and "BB" are all there every one a magical name for 50-somethings hankering after a golden age of angling that may or may not have been quite as remembered.

More recent names feature.

Jeremy Paxman, Tom Fort and Peter Stone among them. Checkhov and Chaucer bob up and, given the liberties taken, might well be consult-ing celestial lawyers right now. There are stories of great fish, small fish, exotic fish, eels. There is much humour. some of it scatty. There is "Mrs Walton's Cookbook" and "A Scientist Writes" column (this issue - "Cyprinid Sensitivity to Wave-Emitting Aubergines"). There is an obituaries slot where environmental tragedies and countryside losses are noted. It is an idiosyncratic and engaging mix, much as one might expect of a man who expresses his opinion of carbon-fibre rods by sticking them in the ground

and growing beans up them. The challenge is going to be to add a modicum of ballast to the coverage — the first edi-tion, for all its merits, is a little light — to hold on to the 50somethings and to find enough 20-somethings, 30somethings and 40-somethings to attract sales. With Waterlog, Yates and his friends have embarked on a courageous experiment that deserves to succeed. In the glass bowl of the publishing world, all manner of fish will be waiting to see if it can. Among them, one suspects, will be the big fish, too.

☐ Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month.

Lottery puts **England** on secure footing

By LOUISE TAYLOR

WITH the England squad ranked in the world's top four. netball falls into the elite category eligible for the maximum grants available under the newly-established National Lottery Sports Fund. Aiready the Ali-England Netball Association (AENA)

has submitted its application for revenue awards for talented individuals and teams as it seeks to improve the country's world ranking and win med-als in the world champion-

ship.
While individual wing attacks and goal shooters could qualify for subsistence grants of up to £28,000 each — thus enabling them to work parttime rather than full-time -the wider team aid would also allow for the employment of full-time coaches. Fiona Murtagh, the Eng-

land captain and a full-time personnel officer in London, said: "Full-time coaches will allow us to compete against Australia and New Zealand [the world's leading netball nations]. They have had fulltime coaches for years and it shows: If England players and coaches didn't have to work full-time, it would be another very big incentive to really concentrate on netball. At the moment a lot of good players don't have enough time to work on their game."

endorsed by Liz Nicholl, the chief executive of AENA, who said: "Our long-term goal is to win the 2003 world championships. The netball performance plan we have submitted to the National Lottery Sports Fund outlines the structures we need to put in place to achieve this, along with the procedures and time scale necessary for implementation. We now have a clear vision of the way forward." Australasia may not be

Her sentiments are fully

omnipotent for too much longer after all.

Football floating into growth area ith a dozen football clubs on the stock

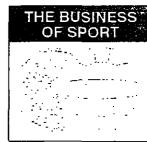
on the way - the City has worken up to the investment potential in Britain's best loved game. This can be shown by the fact that West Bromwich Albion, one of the portfolio of great underachiev-ers of Midlands football. enjoyed a threefold hike in its share price on its debut on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) on Friday. Now Coventry City is set to join the rush with a £30 million float.

An analysis of the best performing shares in the United Kingdom over 1996 reveals that football is bringing in the punters. Of the top ten com-panies showing the biggest gains in the year, three are sport related. Of the top 20, five have sports connections. There is no suprise that Manchester United is in there.

However, its startling rise which saw the shares increase 24) per cent to 667.5p — only left it twelfth in the league. Martin Edwards. United's chief executive, has been feted as a leader in the game of football finance, as indeed he is. You cannot fault his decison to turn down a £300 million bid for the club in May when the market value is now £425

Two other football stocks outperformed United. Shares in Celtic, which are traded on the AIM, rose 488 per cent to £385 during the year as inves-tors realised that the company is now well run by Fergus McCann, who made his name selling tights. In the first two trading days of the new year Celtic put on another ten per cent, despite the team being beaten again by Rangers, it was the market's third best performer.

Just below, at seventh, came Caspian, which bought Leeds United for £16.5 million in a controversial deal in which Conrad, which later bought Sheffield United, offered £1.5 million more. At the time, this column said the deal was a steal, and so it has proven. Caspian shares have soared 338 per cent to 45p. despite Caspian's inability to score



with its ambitious deals to move into rugby league, ice hockey or basketball. What hope of a repeat performance when the chief executive. Chris Akers, describes Caspian as a "sports media" company and says his favourite team is Boca Juniors? But the star performer has

nothing to do with football directly. It is Blacks Leisure, the company best known for its camping and hiking goods shops which branched out into the general sports area with the First Sport chain, to cash in on the fantastic growth of sports-related clothing, such as replica football strips and training shoes.

Also enjoying this market were JJB Sports and JD Sports, both strong performers, and Hay & Robertson, the owners of the former England strip-makers, Admiral. On the back of a deal to develop a Ruud Gullit clothing range. Hay's shares rose 201 per cent to 132.5p, the market's nineteenth best performer. But Blacks outstripped them all, scoring a fantastic 680 per cent gain to end the year at 336.5n. However, as the market often proves, shares can go down as well as up. The worst performing share of all was also in the sports arena. It is

called Clubpartners, an investment company set up to develop golf clubs. Having suffered a spectacular 91.9 per cent drop in its price to a mere 2.5p during 1996. shareholders' eyes lit up at the prospect of a takeover bid for the company. Alas, an announcement that the bid would value Clubpartners in the region of a penny a share ruined every-

JASON NISSÉ

BBC must heed warning signals sounded by poll

the debate about the reof Channel 4 and BBC television's coverage of racing as nothing more than a silly season story. Easy, but wrong.

When the concerns of racecourses covered by the BBC were reported in these columns a month ago they struck a chord with readers. More of you put pen to paper to express your views, compared with any other racing issue in recent months. Similarly, the response by readers of *The Sporting Life* to a detailed questionnaire about television coverage, published here on Saturday, was far larger than

The conclusions make stark reading for Jonathan Martin. head of BBC Sport, and Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC television, who happens to be an avid racing enthusiast. No amount of fudging about size of audiences from PR men can obscure the facts. Three out of four people prefer Channel 4's coverage — and

most of their presenters.

The public's view also has worrying implications for racing, which were touched upon. perhaps inadvertently, by Peter Scudamore last week when he wrote about his wishes for 1997. The former champion jumps jockey, who has not sparkled as a BBC pundit, hoped that "despite recent criticism, the BBC maintains its coverage of rac-

The implication some observers within the television industry drew from that remark was that the BBC might not maintain its coverage. Now, I am pretty sure Scu did not intend to convey that impression, but a combination of increased competition between racecourses, more telelegitimate demands of race

tre before long — which would be a disaster for racing. Whatever the faults of the BBC, the coverage of racing by a leading terrestrial channel is cru-

Nevertheless, the danger signals exist. Racecourses covered by the BBC are already unhappy with the restrictions placed on sponsors of races compared with the way commercial backers of other sports are treated by the corporation's cameras. That dissatisfaction could intensify in the future as the tracks are

RICHARD **EVANS**



Racing Commentary

forced to become more com-

If, as I suspect, the squeeze on racing's finances increases, it will not be long before racecourses have to compete for levy funding. Nothing wrong with that but to be successful tracks will have to provide the best product to attract sponsors and satisfy customers - including those in betting shops and at home. If television coverage, regard-ed as old fashioned, stuffy or

racecourses from providing forced to switch to Channel 4, Sky, the Racing Channel or the outlets offered by digital

Such a scenario would hardly be welcome news for the BBC, which has not fared well in the battle with ITV and satellite television for big sports events. If nothing else, the loss of racing would leave a gaping hole in its Saturday afternoon sports schedule. particularly in the winter.

All of which begs the question: what will the BBC do? My guess is nothing. I recall asking Jonathan Martin in the late 1980s what difference satellite television would make to BBC's coverage of sport. "Lit-tle or no difference; we are the BBC." he responded. Leopards do not change their spots.

What should the BBC do? The first essential is to separate the presentation of its racing coverage from editorial control. BBC desperately needs an equivalent to Andrew Franklin, the producer of Channel 4 Racing, who can introduce new ideas, experiment with new faces and is permanently looking to improve output.

In the past week alone, Channel 4 has made progress in placing mini-cameras in jockeys' helmets at the Derby, and conducting an American style interview on horseback with the winning jockey as he returns to the winner's enclosure. What innovations have the BBC introduced in the past five vears?

Having already been crossed off Messrs Wilson and Lindley's Christmas card list, I had better be careful now. Suffice to say that readers and viewers clearly believe there is a need for new talent to help present BBC racing. And you cannot be wrong, can you?



Steamroller Stanly (right) wins a thrilling duel with General Haven on the Lingfield Equitrack on Saturday

Ladbroke raiders lack fitness edge

CONTINUING adverse weather seems certain to compromise the assault by Britain on the Ladbroke Hurdle at Leopardstown on Saturday. Although strong numerically, none among seven challengers engaged in the £60,000-added contest is expected to be at peak fitness.

Mary Reveley, the Saltburn-based trainer, plans to saddle Penny A Day, Executive Design and Express Gift but admitted yesterday that each horse could not be at its best. "We have managed adequately through the last two weeks," she said. "It has not been as bad here as elsewhere, but we have not been able to do the fast work we'd have liked. We won't get much chance to do that between now and Saturday."

Mrs Reveley identified Penny A Day, -l second favourite with the sponsors behind 9-2 Khayrawani, as her best prospect to end Britain's ten-year drought in the two-mile handicap. Even then, however, she hardly exuded confidence. "It was extortionate for the victory, when he bear a maiden at Wetherby," she said. "On top of that, the Irish handicapper seems to have raised him by a further 2lb."

Leopardstown is the only realistic venue for jumps racing this week. The Ladbroke has never been lost to inclement weather and the course was raceable on Saturday. Midlands-based Andy Streeter has long had the race in mind for Centaur Express, the winner of both his starts this season. Streeter will gallop him on Wolverhampton's Fibresand today and again on Wednesday, but he said: "My horse likes easy ground and we would jar him up if working any faster than threequarters speed.

"All the British horses are in the same boat," Streeter continued, "so we'll take our chance and see what happens." Kaitak is committed to the trip but decisions on Master Tribe and Palacegate King are expected later this week. The quartet, all bracketed on 9st 10lb, will have to compete from 4lb out of the handicap as Urubande, top-weighted

Mysilv never won a Ladbroke but her gallant second in the Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham in March underlined her tremendous determination. It came as a cruel blow to her connections, Elite Racing Club, and her trainer, Charlie Egerton, when she was humanely destroyed after fracturing her pelvis on the

gallops on Saturday.
"The whole yard is devastated,"
Egerton said of the Triumph Hurdle and Tote Gold Trophy Hurdle winner. "I will never have the opportunity of training a braver mare. It was a privilege to be associated with her."

Channel 4 Racing, which broadcast the all-weather meeting at Lingfield on Saturday, may repeat the exercise if the weather scuppers its projected coverage at Warwick on Saturday. "I understand an extra fixture may be scheduled at Wolverhampton, so we will be close enough to divert our cameras." Andrew Franklin, the programme's producer,

2.15 KILDARE HANDICAP (£3,534: 1m 3f) (12 runners)

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1996: SO AMAZING 4-9-3 J Wester (4-1) Miss S Hall 9 (20)

SAILING

Safe haven after 42 long days of hell and high water

FROM JAMES CAPSTICK IN WELLINGTON

AS Ocean Rover rounded the first headland on its approach to Wellington at the end of the second leg of the BT Global Challenge, the wind that had steadily allowed us to beam reach at nine to ten knots for most of the day, suddenly vanished leaving us almost becalmed, still 15 miles from the finish line.

My thoughts immediately returned to the end of the first eg in Rio where, for the last 150 miles, the wind teased us, finally leaving us stranded only a quarter of a mile from the finish for hour after painful hour.

Having suffered every minute on that occasion, I decided to approach it slightly differently this time and promptly went to bed. A couple of hours later I awoke and thought that I must have been dreaming as I could hear my two boys. Stephen and Christopher. As I came too. I realised that, from the way the boat was heeled and the sound of the water passing the hull, the wind had filled in and the boat was

I ventured up on deck and was immediately blinded by a bright light. As my night vision came I saw a boat about 20 yards away and, standing among all the other people, I could make out my sons, who were shouting en couragement. I checked my watch and saw it was about 4am and Ocean Rover was once again finishing a leg at come ungodly hour. As I looked back to the cabin area of the boat I saw my wife, Tracey, out of the cold New Zealand night air, waving with one hand and holding our 10-week-old daughter.



Capstick: taking stock

Georgia, in the other. It would be`a further hour before I

could hold my family. As we moored, friends and relatives were shouting and waving from the pontoon, though we were stopped from leaving the boat or allowing people on by the inevitable paper work from the authorities. However, it was Chay Blyth, the race director, who, with his normal gusto, told Tracey to hand Georgia over to me and let her be first aboard. I found myself with a beer in one hand and my daughter in the other, trying to take it all in. We were all reunited and there was much hugging and kissing and a few tears. I was particularly pleased as Tracey had spent the last month singlehandedly travelling with the three children around the United States and the South Pacific. They all looked really

fit and well

take stock for the first time. For the past 42 days Ocean Rover had sailed over 8,000 miles through the most desolate ocean in the world. We had rounded the Horn "the hard way" and survived various storms, the most recently being the infamous "Fergus" a tropical cyclone that had run riot over much of the area. It was the most awesome show of nature's power I had ever witnessed and it was with some relief that we emerged the other side of it in one piece. It had been an interesting second leg for the fleet of 14, with a dis-masting. various rigging problems, crew being taken off boats for medical reasons, and the truly heroic story of Time and Tide ...

and their problems.

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When we later sat together

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and chips, I had the chance to

Albaha can collect another dividend

By Julian Muscat

THE fact that Woodman has Black limbered up for this sired some big achievers on North American dirt tracks may have some relevance to the chances of his son. Albaha. in the Kildare Handicap (1.45) at Southwell today.

Disappointing when trained by Robert Armstrong last season. Albaha came good with a vengeance when dispatched to Southwell for his all-weather debut. It was, adminedly, only a poor maiden. but he managed to prevail by 17 lengths. After that encouraging start, the four-year-old looks an intriguing prospect in this much stronger race.

Direct comparisons are often misleading, but Albaha concluded an uneventful turf campaign on a rating of 73. He then failed to start on his hurdles debut before the weather closed in. Loosed instead at this venue, he duly romped to victory, yet he competes here off a rating of 71. Jimmy Quinn again takes the ride and Albaha can collect another dividend.

David Nicholls, a dab hand at improving moderate horses, can demonstrate the point with Paint It Black in the Wicklow Handicap (2.45) over seven furlangs. Formerly with

Lingfield Park

Gorng, standard 12.15 (6f) 1 Invocation (A Clark, 7-1), 2 Hoh Magestic (4-1 Iav), 3 A)(27 (6-1), 11 ran N, 1-1 A Moore Toll 05 90 62 90, 63 10 £1 70 OF £20 70 Tuor £42 10 CSF £20 £5 Treast £165 20

12.45 (77) 1. Royal Carlion (5 Whoworth, 3-) tay; 2. Nover their Twice (13-2; 3, Hawan Storm (11-2) 9 ran Nit, 41 G L Moore Tole 23-90 C1 10 52-20, C1 90 DF 69-40 Two 522-90 CSF 520,74 Incast 590-64

1.15 (Im 40.1, Slip Jlg (G Gallagher, 8-11 15). Private Handkapper's top rating 2 Soldier Gave (5-1). 3 (Prasteves (20-1) 10 ran 91. 71 R Hannon Toto £1.90 £1.10 £1.50, £3.90 DF £3.50 Trio £32.80 CSF £5.41

145 (1m 4t) 1, Steamroller Startly (G Carter, 9-2 p-tray); 2, General Haven (9-2 p-tay), 3 Glow Forum (11-2) 10 ran Hd 10) C Cyzer Tote £590, £190 £200, £190 DF £10 50 Tro £28 40 CSF £23 31 Treast £101 19

523 31 Trocast F101 19 2.15 (6f) 1, Sharp Imp (Dans O Neif) 5-2 (av); 2, Trick An Thewas (33-1), 3, Barbason (5-1), 11 ran 11, 13 I R Flower Tote: £3 10, £1 10, 5880-£290 DF 547 30 Tric 5267 90 CSF 106 82 Tricast £363 12

2.45 (SI) 1 Krystal Davey (D Harrson, 9-2). 2 Heavenly Miss (10-1), 3, Tear White (3-1) Countless Times 11-4 fav. 8 ran. Shihd, 1-1

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when a respectable fourth over course and distance five days ago. He should be sharper for that, his first outing in nine weeks. Nicholls also saddles Sense Of Priority but this one has been inactive for five

The opening leg of the Tipperary Apprentices' Handicap (12.45) should fall to Broughton's Pride, who closed the turf season with three solid efforts. The mare

RICHARD ÉVANS

Nap: Broughton's Pride (12.45 Southwell) Next best: Plum First (2.45 Southwell)

hails from a stable with few peers at this code. She could hardly have been found a more favourable opportunity and should prove hard to beat: ☐ A fractured left knee may force Allan Mackay to miss the start of the turf season in March. Mackay was thrown from his mount. Warm Hearted, before the Manny Bernstein Claiming Stakes at Wolverhampton on Saturday.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

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E47 50 CSF E1945.
3.45 (7): 1. Step On Degas (D Griffiths 5-1): 2 Fort Knox (7-2); 3. Jo Majornus (9-2): 8 ran -4), rk. M Fotherston-Godley Tote 600 C180 C150, C190 DF £14.00 CSF £22.60 Tricas) £79.27

Jackpot: £7,100.00 (0.10 winning bokets; pool of £8,966.94 carried forward to Southwell teclast

Southwell today).
Placepot: £36.50. Quedpot: £13.50.

Going, slow 1,00 (1m 11 75yd) 1, Oneforthedisch (N Varlay, 4-1), 2, Holdert Hill (7-2 tyr), 3, Talhath Belle (12-1), 13 ran 5, 2-21 J Fanshawe, Tote: \$3.60; \$1.90 £1.10 £3.30 DF: \$17.00 Teo: \$29.20 CSF: £17.79

1.30 (Im 16 79/d) 1, Forrest Boy (C. Runer 7-2) 2, Cets Böttom (7-4 fav), 3, Court Nep (6-1) 8 ran Hd. 6f J Bosley Tote 53.90 51.30, 52 120, 52 60 DF 54 10 CSF 510 48 Thoast 532 68. 2,00 (Im 61 166/vf) 1, The Great Flood (A Cushano, 7-1); 2, Mr. Speculator (4-1); 3 Canary Falcon (3-1 lov) 9 ran 54, H. C.

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Outlook poor unless thaw comes soon

PROSPECTS for the resumption of turf racing this week are poor unless a significant thaw takes place in the next two days. The scheduled meeting at Folkestone today was abandoned at lunchtime on Saturday and Leicester. due to race tomorrow, became the 52nd abandonment of the jumps season after a 3.30pm

inspection yesterday. David Hanson, the assistant clerk of the course at Leicester. said yesterday: "There is snow on the course and frost in the ground."

The jump fixtures at Plumpton and Kelso on Wednesday both need a considerable improvement in the weather. The Plumpton groundsman, Mark Corn-ford, said last night: "The course is frozen and needs 48 hours of warmer temperatures to bring the frost out."

A spokesman for Kelso said: "There are about two inches of snow on the track but there is no frost. It has got to get warmer."

PROSPECTS

TOMORROW'S MEETINGS LINGFIELD PARK: ali-weather LEICESTER: abandoned. WEDNESDAY PLUMPTON: frozen KELSO: snow

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Placepot: £63.70. Quadpot: £22.00.

JOCKEYS

Trainers

J Bank: M Johnston M Prescoti W Hargh K McAdufte

☐ Musseburgh meeting abandoned because of frost

12.45 Broughton's Pride 1.15 Nishamira 1.45 DOMINANT AIR (nap) 3.45 Down The Yard

SOUTHWELL

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 ALBAHA. market Correspondent: 1.45 Dominant Air. 2.15 ALBAHA (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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BETTONG: 11-9 Hishamma. 4-1 Vendima. 9-2 Tanipar 11-2 Homologe. 8-1 Impending Danger, 10-1 others. 1996. YOUGO 4-8-13 J Wester (8-11 fav) M Johnston 10 can

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3.30 (in 100yd) 1. Globetrotter (D. Michedom, 6-1), 2. Kornasta (3-4 plan), 3. Senare Samp; (11-2). Sheaton Stheragh (9-4 plan) 6. Fan, 14, 51 M Johnston, Tota (7-70), 56-90. 62-30. DF (16-00) CSF (19-11) 1.45 LIMERICK CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,294: 61) (7 runners) 27-00. Select 22-30 BT State CSF 27-11: 2. Three Wicces 4:5 few 3. Sugal Howe, (11-1) 7 ran NR Steveramon 3, rk. D Honden Jones Tote 215-07 CSF 02-170 DF 55-50 CSF 516-84. Triczs; 57-622. After a stevards reguly reck stood 4:30 (7h 1 Elite Hope if Lynch, 15-8); 2. Zahvan (9-1); 3 Lie Fad (3-1) Marpine Rose 7-4 fax 7 ran NR Stor Telecti 51 & N Tabler, Tote 52.72, 57.79 52.50 CF, 511.70 CSF 516-31 Triczs; 597-53. After a dewards inquiry, result stood Placepot 563.70. Chiadoot 522.00. FETTING. 11-10 Contrary Ar. 7-2 Fri For The Job. 9-2 Bainshorough Boy, 6-1 Trassure Touch, 12-1 Figlia, 20-1 Joyda Joy, 25-1 Zex Says.

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FORM FOCUS ASPECTO LAD 111 8th of 10 to Cea-N-K in nursery at Lingfield (AW, 1m), HEAD GRR, to 3rd of 10 to Royal Roulatia in seller over course and distance (AW) with BALI-PET 294 5th, STATE OF GOLD Hold 6th, BALI-PET 294 5th, STATE OF GOLD Hold 6th, BALI-PET 395 and PAMELA'S BOY 291 10th Previously beat Royal Rouletie 1164 Selection: HEAD GRR.

3.45 TIPPERARY APPRENTICES HANDICAP (DIV N: £1,955: 1m) (8 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Transa, 7-2 Kesawa, 9-2 Espeide, 5-1 Dispot Conqueror; 6-1 Caddy's First, 13-2 Down The Yard, 8-1 others 1996: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

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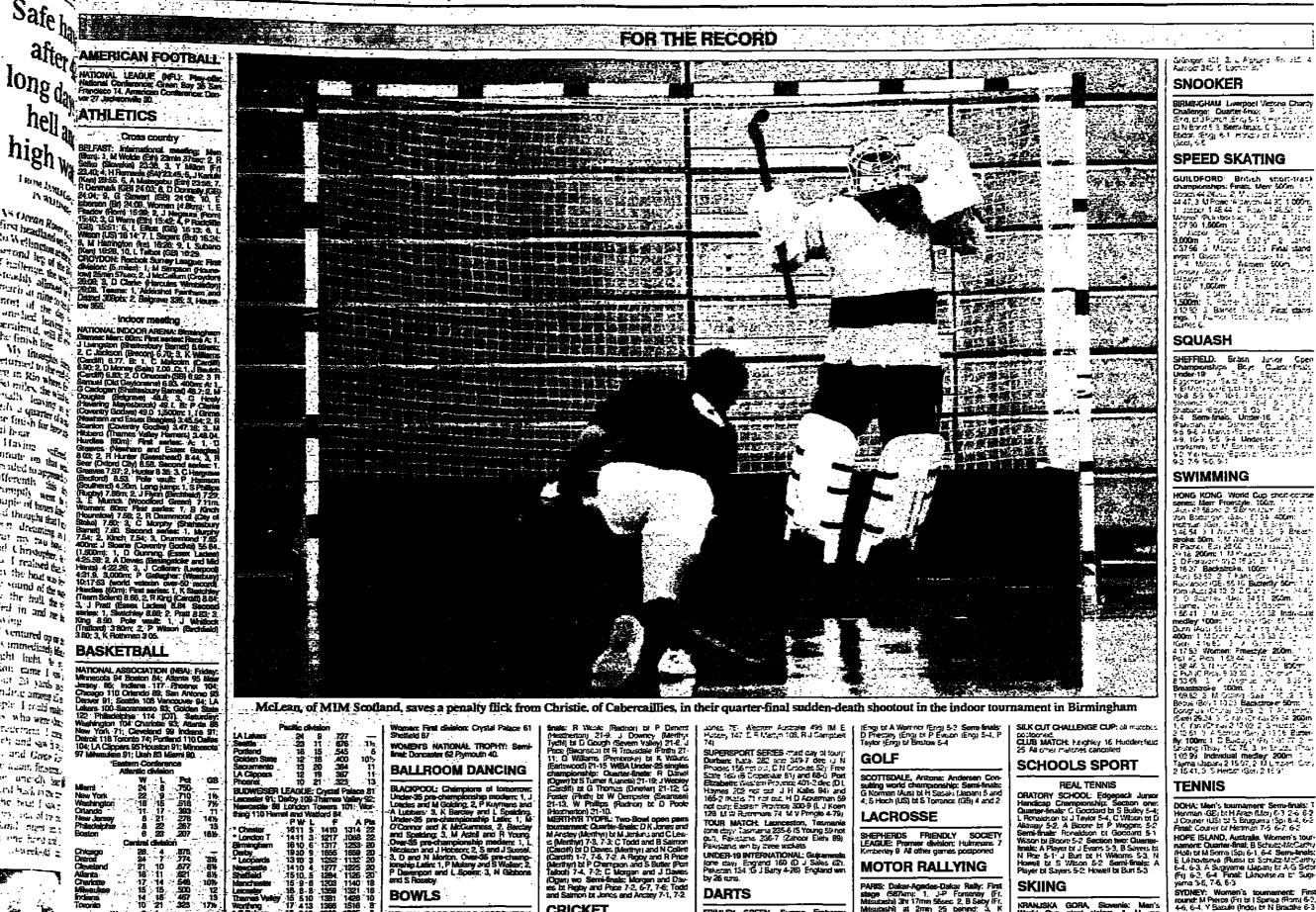
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Prestigious international event opens a busy new year programme

Baricchi and Barry bid for glory

By RUTH GLEDHILL

IF ANYONE is ever to topple Marcus and Karen Hilton, of Rochdale, from their pinnacle as reigning, seven-times undefeated world professional ballroom champions, it will be Luca Baricchi and Loraine Barry, from East Molesey. in Surrey. Baricchi and his feisty Irish-born partner, who has a reputation as one of the best women dancers ever, will be out to impress the judges at the first important international contest of the year, the Star Ball in London on

The Star Ball, organised by the Ballroom Dancers Federation, has attracted couples from countries around the world, including to from Japan, two from Denmark and one from Ukraine. Its importance lies in its prestige as one of the oldest dance championships in the world, and as the new year's

debut competition.

Although the Hiltons will not be dancing at the Star, this contest will nevertheless be a guide to form for the United Kingdom Open championships at Bournemouth later this month, where the top two English couples will go on to represent their country at the world championships at Blackpool in November.

The Hiltons are dancing at the UK and Baricchi, who in previous competitions has been one mark short of taking the tango from the Hiltons, is hoping to build on inroads he has also made into their foxtrot, waltz, quickstep and Vien-

nese waltz. But at the Star, Baricchi will be facing a strong challenge from England's third-ranked couple, Andrew Sinkinson and Adele Preston. who won the closed British championship last November. Baricchi, a tall, dark-haired, Italian, whose aloof demeanour and presence render him unmissable on the floor, is known for the quality of his tango, which has elements of the Argentinian style with swivels and plenty of "atmosphere". His foxtrot

is considered particularly strong. Barry, whose younger sister, Michelle, is also a top amateur competitor, remained serenely confident about her chances this week. They had been practising hard, she said, and had the Hiltons in their sights, although the rivalry between the two couples is friendly. challengers.

"We are pretty confident of maintaining our position, if not better-ing it. If I wasn't, I neight as well give up. I have got to convince myself and all those II judges." The judges will be chaired by Bob Burgess of Dulwich and include Richard Gleave. Peter Eggleton and Len Armstrong, all former champions.

Sinkinson, who once danced with Barry and who, with her, was for three years undefeated world and British amateur champion, partnered up with Preston more than 12 months ago after winning the Star in 1994 with another partner. Amanda Owen. On Wednesday, the stylish Owen will be aiming for a good result with her new partner, Tony Dokman. The Star will be the first of a

series of big championships this year, including the UK, where Sinkinson and Preston will not be looking back, but instead will throw down the gauntlet to those ahead of them.

"As a new partnership it takes time to find that blend with one another," Sinkinson, a flowing dancer who is known particularly for elegance of his foxtrot and his innovative style across all five modern dances, said. "But steadily, we feel as though we have been experiencing a great deal of im-provement. The other couples have had longer with each other, and have better communication."

High hopes have been expressed for him and Preston in the dance world but he remained cool. "I have been competing for 25 years, since I was eight years old, week in, week out. Therefore I don't really feel any kind of pressure. I know what I have to do."

The championship marks the competitive comeback of Norway's top couple, the stunning Kim and Cecilie Rygel. Kim was put out of action by a serious knee injury sustained during the International in London last October but after surgery has been demonstrating in

The absence of the Hiltons and at least two other top professional couples from the 36 entries in the professional modern, or "standard" championship this year, leaves openings for



Baricchi, aloof, and his partner, Barry, said to be one of the finest women dancers ever

RFU advancing proposals for structural change.

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

the best of lights during its struggle to cope with the change from an amateur to an open game. Division and discord have choked the last year yet behind the public and sometimes unloved faced of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), life

There are more than 2,000 clubs. more than 3,000 schools affiliated to the RFU and in the course of nearly two years' study an RFU working party on youth rugby came across a tale to set against the posturing of many at the senior end of the game.

They interviewed a boy from a

broken home who discovered minirugby at school; the game became a natural outlet, his skills developed and even though he later attended

a large compre-hensive school where rugby was not played, he rep-resented both his county and his country.

Though he dropped out for a period, his inter-est was rekindled during sixth-form education and he visited New Zealand with an England 18-group tour from a public school. "The motiva-

tion be derived prompted him to take A levels externally and he is now at university." Robert Horner, who chaired the working party, said. He freely admits that, had it not been for rugby, he might have found his way to jail instead." The young man's message to the working party was simple: "There are lots of guys like me out there, go and get them." It is a message the

RFU, like so many missionaries, is anxious to put across but the thrust of the working party's findings was of a game in sore need of rationalisation at junior level. In particular, they found that the regime of colts rugby put in place a generation ago for teenagers who had left full-time education is no

longer apposite. Clubs and schools

have become rivals for the same

players, more of whom remain at school rather than seeking jobs at-16 as they once did. This has provoked some thorny debate; various colfs bedies insisting that no medification is regulated. The RFU, democratic to a fault, circulated revisions to their original recommendations and each of

RUGBY union has not been seen in counties, are due to report back by March 1. The authors of the report hope that it will have been implemented in full by 1998-9. "We were concerned at the demands imposed on the talented 16 to 19-year-olds." Horner said. One interviewee had played 87 games during his first year out of school, another had been selected for five representative teams in ten days. Boys are being pulled this way and that when they should be concentrating on honing the skills which elsewhere in the world, take 20-year-olds straight

into senior national XVs. It was also apparent that the many clubs who took on the responsibility of offering rugby as it dried up in the state schools during the 1970s and 1980s were illequipped to do so.

handling the task they took up, Homer said, "and the youth development officers ifunded by local authorities and the RFU welcome the challenge of contributing to wards a national olds which has not

party where he roomed with a boy schools." The RFU's answer is an admistrative restructuring of the junior game, part-funded by the National Lottery and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, so that there will be a clear path for promising young players to follow.

The target will be a new level of England rugby, an under-19 XV (equivalent teams already exist in

the other home unions and on the Continent) into which both national schools and national youth teams will feed — rather than, as happens now, England 18-group schoolboys funnelling into the national colts teams.

The RFU seek a register of those involved in mini and midi-rugby (from seven years old and up wards), greater support for the Rugby Football Union for Women and greater liaison between clubs and schools.

This is the other side of the RFU's quest for more money which has brought down upon their heads the wrath of their colleagues in Scot-land, treiand and Wales. But the anador's accord in development is one which has aroused the admiration of other sporting bodies and which, for the good of the game at large, they must sustain.

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• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent like the paradox on this hand. If East decides to defend Six Hearts because he holds the king of that suit, to beat the contract

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North's Two Spades showed a strong red two-suiter. As the auction went, it is close whether East should pass Six Hearts. When this hand came up at TGR's, East bid Seven Clubs over Six Hearts. That's a reasonable view - it looks as though he will go four off with 150 honours for a penalty of 550 to North-South. If North-South make Six Hearts a little over 40 per cent of the time, the sacrifice gains.

Say East decides to pass Six Hearts, as in the auction above, on the basis that the king of hearts is an almost certain trick, and there may well be another trick in the wash. Declarer wins the spade lead in dummy and lays down the ace of hearts. How should East defend? The danger is that declarer can get all his spades away on diamonds: if

East plays low on the ace of hearts, when he gets in with the king of hearts he won't have a spade to play. I think East should find the winning play - throwing his king o hearts under the ace, in the hope that his partner has the queen. There is little chance of breaking the contract if South

has the queen. ☐ Several current world champions are among the 16 pairs who will be playing in the Macallan International Pairs 1997 (January 22 to 24), at The White House Hotel, Albany Street, London NWI. You can watch at the tables or in the Viewgraph theatre. Information: 0181-878 5844.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

VALANCE a. Bravery b. A cavalry spear

c. A drape

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WORT a. Grain sauce b. To grumble c. The sap of the oak

> VUM a. A handguard b. To loiter suspiciously

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hebden leads

With one round to go in the Hastings Premier tournament, the UK's strongest international chess competition; the lead has been seized in dramatic fashion by grand-master Mark Hebden, who toppled the previous frontrunner grandmaster John Nunn in the eighth round. Hebden gradually outplayed Num, won a pawn and forced resignation on the 38th move. White: Mark Hebden: Black: John Nunn

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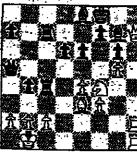
The simultaneous display, whereby a master grandmaster takes on numerous opponents at one and the same time is a powerful tool for raising funds for charitable purposes. On Saturday March 22, I will take on alltake place in the boardroom of St George's Hospital, Tooting, London SW17. The goal is to raise funds for the St George's Hospital Hold My Hand appeal, which aims to raise £1 million for their Children's Intensive Care Unit. Details and entry forms are available from Lucy de Ville. The Appeal Office, St George's Hospital (tel: 0181-725 5096).

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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Rigo — Sapi, Hungary 1967. Here the two players are attacking on opposite sides of the board, but White's attack is the more relevant as he has already broken through to Black's king. How did he now finish off?

Solution on page 40



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Anxious wait for festive figures

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WEDNESDAY

Interims: Dixons. Finals: Robert H Lowe, M&W. Economic statistics: US November consumer credit, Bundesbank awards repos.

THURSDAY

Interims: Abbey, Druck Holdings, Goode Durrant, Jurys Hotels Group, Finals: Brunner Investment Trust. Economic statistics: UK November housing starts, UK Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders December new car registra-tions, German 1996 GDP, German 1996 GDP, German December un-employment. US weekly jobiess claims, US Novem-ber wholesale inventories, US December producer. prices, Bundesbank central council meeting.

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CBI December distributive trades survey, UK December producer prices, UK. November industrial-manufacturing output, US December non-farm pay-rolls, US December un-

AFTER-Chrismas, both the stock market and economic policymakers will be arodous to vet the till receipts and find out how the festive period fared commercially. Did prosperity finally break out in a consumer splurge, as the record consumer credit rise reported on Friday suggests: or was it, as some grassroots reports imply, a fairly average Christmas and new year for most retailers? The results of the CBI's

distributive trades survey for December will be published in Friday morning's newspapers. However, more attention will be paid to the individual experience of big retail chains as they issue trading state-ments. Boots, Next, Argos, Lloyds Chemists and Sears are among those expected to reveal all this week.

Most interest will focus on Dixons, the top electrical goods retailer whose fortunes ride strongly on the Christmas season. Dixons is the largest trading group scheduled to report profits formally this week, with AG Barr, the soft drinks group, a distant second. On Wednesday, Sir Stanley

Kalms, the creator and chairman of Dixons, will report on first-half earnings to November 9. City forecasts range from £52 million to £59 million pre-tax, well up on £37.5 million a year ago but a linle less than estimates a lew months ago. The full year to April 30 could deliver £190 million, up from a reported £101.5 million and underlying £135 million last time.

However, the group's comments on peak-season trading will doubtless have analysts adjusting their full-year forecasts. Next year, Dixons faces full VAT on its lucrative warranty business. Mean-

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while, UBS was looking for the interim dividend to rise from 2.05p to 2.5p net on the way to a full-year IIp (8.75p). Before that, Monday should provide a more general indication of spending in the form of new December figures for MO, the cash measure of

money supply, and for the note and coin issue alone. Union Discount expects a 0.6 per cent rise in the season-ally adjusted December fig-ure. This would give an annual rise of 6.9 per cent, down from 7.4 per cent a month ago because a sharp rise a year ago goes out of the reckoning. That is also the median forecast collected by MMS International, but MMS itself expects a 1.2 per

cent December rise to give a

PESTMENT WARKET

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year-on-year 7.6 per cent. Even if the annual figure is down, it would be worrying for future inflation if special factors were not again called in to explain away the high growth rate. Union expects

in notes and coin outstanding (up from 7.4 per cent) after a 0.9 per cent rise in December. Unlike the retail trends these money figures do not the Chancellor's monthly inannual inflation of 7.5 per cent terest rate discussions with the

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Northern Petroleum, T&N, Fairey Group, Hogg Robinson, Tunstall. The Sunday Telegraph: Boy Fairey, Kwik-Fit, Taylor Nelson AGB, Scottish Radio Holdings. Hambros Insurance Services, Crown Eyeglass.

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Governor of the Bank of England, due on January 15. Their meeting will, however, take note of the trend of industrial production and especially manufacturing outwhich have been decidedly dull of late.

Forecasts for industrial output suggest it rose between 0.3 and 0.8 per cent in November. the median 0.5 per cent giving annual growth of just 1.3 per cent. The expected 0.3 per cent rise in manufacturing, median of a similarly tight range, would leave annual growth of only 0.9 per cent. This is in part blarned on the rising pound, so policymakers will be wary of raising interest rates sooner than necessary.

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changes, however, button-

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pressing fingers will be wait-

ing for a clutch of American

economic signals to see how

they match up against market

expectations. These include

November factory orders on

Monday (median forecast is for a 0.8 per cent drop) and

consumer credit on Tuesday

On Wednesday look for a

0.3 per cent rise in December

producer prices and a lower

350,000 new unemployment

claims. On Friday, most sensi-

tively. December US non-

farm payrolls are expected to

have risen by 175,000, the unemployment rate to have

edged down from 5.4 to 5.3 per

cent and hourly earnings to

(forecast to rise \$3.5 billion).

Irish plan statutory panel for takeovers

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

THE UK Takeover Panel is set to relinquish this year the regulation of 60 Irish companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Companies such as the Bank of Ireland, CRH, the building materials group and Smurfit, the paper and nackaging manufacturer, are expected to come under the remit of a new statutory body to be headed by Leo Conway, former head of corporate finance

at Ulster Bank.
Legislation has been laid before the Dail, the Republic's parliament. The new panel is intended to regulate takeovers and mergers in 90 companies with a combined market capitalisation of £21 billion.

Its statutory powers have raised concerns that it will open corporate actions to iiigation, making bids lengthier and more expensive. But Kevin McHugh, head of regulation at the Irish Stock Exchange, said the current appeals procedure already provided potential legal obstacles, and statutory backing was essential to give the new panel teeth. The City panel's sanction of blacklisting companies would not work in the

smaller Irish market, he said. The UK Takeover Panel is trying to defend its voluntary regime, but the European Parliament is poised to pass a com-

pulsory directive this month. The new Irish body will be separate from the Irish Stock Exchange, although it will have a stock exchange representative on its board, alongside members from bodies such as the Association of Investment Managers and the Law Society.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

GB Railways makes debut

GB RAILWAYS, which yesterday started running the Anglia rail franchise, joins the Alternative investment Mar-ket today, valued at £8.75

While the firm was a shell until yesterday it has succeeded in raising £6.3 million from placing 80 per cent of its ts enoitetiteni diiw eersde 100p apiece. The shares are expected to attract an instant premium of 50p each, accord-

flood Securities. Steadier market conditions are coaxing back companies that put off flotation plans after Decem-ber's mini-crash. Acute, a marketing services company. is expected to be valued at £3.5 million when it joins AIM this

month. VFG. which rents film ripment is likely to be valued at £7 million on flotation, after raising £3 million to

JSB, whose computer program Surf Control aims to stop workers spending too much time browsing through the Internet, is raising E5

It plans to use the money to take its software to America. A more unusual stock is Inner City Enterorise, a consultancy that advises councils how to regenerate city centres. nominated adviser, is looking

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million from a placing which

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As trading warmed up again after the holidays, the FT-SE AIM index closed the week at 1,040.50, up 8.9 points.

A few stocks are beginning to be affected by uncertainty surrounding the London Stock Exchange's disciplinary review of AIM. While th decisions are expected to be are unlikely to be known until August.

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Happy times for Gerald Levin, second right, with Ted Turner, second left, at a CNN launch last month, but some analysts think his job is at risk

Blood flows in Tinseltown massacre of studio moguls

in a Stallone movie and the plot more tortuous than a spy thriller. Real life in Hollywood's boardrooms over the past 12 months has put most of Tinseltown's fictional storylines to shame with money, power and betrayal emerging as the dominant themes.

As films grow ever more expensive -\$80-\$100 million or more is the going cost of a blockbuster - and as film companies become conglomerates, the demands on top executives seem to be more than many can bear. To keep their jobs they have to be expert businessmen, creative artists, and good corporate greasy-pole climbers in what is, at best, a cut-throat environment.

The downfall of Michael Ovitz neatly illustrates the point. Once known as the most powerful man in Hollywood as head of the Creative Artists Agency and general deal broker, he failed completely to fit into the corporate culture of Walt Disney where he went as president only 14 months ago.

His old job depended on a flair for schmoozing, on projecting a certain style, and knowing all the right people. At Disney he upset powerful colleagues by commandeering an office supposedly the size of a football pitch and keeping limousines waiting outside just in case he needed them. This behaviour did not fit his new role. chairman, Michael Eisner, Disney has become an entertainment monolith over the past ten years. It is Big Business — it's corporate style is closer to IBM or Exxon than the small creative venture that Disney was a few years ago. Within months of Mr Ovitz's arrival his "best friend", Mr Eisner, realised that he was not making the grade as a Disney corpo-rate man and began ruthlessly levering him out. Although Mr Ovitz leaves with a payoff said to be around \$90 million, he achieved little and his job prospects now appear much less rosy.

Richard Thomson relates a real-life saga of money, power and betraval

going is Sony's US entertainment arm, where the bloodletting this year was spectacular as the Japanese finally took a machete to their disastrous investment in Columbia Tristar, the film studios. By giving bad management free rein for years. Sony has lost around \$5 billion in the studios and has produced an impressive number of box office flops. Cable Guy (for which Jim Carey was paid \$20 million), The Fan (with Robert de Niro) and Multiplicity all bombed expensively in 1996, and Noboyuko Idei, Sony's president, finally decided to clean house.

During the summer the heads of Columbia and Tristar, as well as top creative and marketing executives and Michael Schulhoff, chairman of Sony Entertainment in the US, lost their

One place he will probably not be jobs. The last to go was Alan Levine, head of Sony's Hollywood venture, to be replaced by John Calley, a film veteran with a string of hits to his name. The big question in Tinseltown now is whether Sony will float or sell its studios. It could take several years to get them back into financial shape but Mr Idei may get rid of them sooner. Meanwhile, Time Warner struggled

to recover from the firing of three successive heads of its music division in 1995, followed by the management disruption of merging with Turner Broadcasting System this year. It is another conglomerate struggling to pull its disparate parts together and impress a distinctly sceptical stock market that it knows where it is going. Many analysts believe Gerald Levin. its chairman, may be the next to go.



Michael Eisner, left, and Michael Ovitz at the Disney studios

Another high-profile victim was Frank Biondi, head of Viacom. The issue again was corporate perfor-mance, with the volatile Sumner Redstone, who controls Viacom, claiming Mr Biondi did not have the drive to revive the company's flagging profits. The sacking shocked the media industry since the two men were thought to be close friends. But Mr Biondi walked away with a \$20 million payoff and took the top job at MCA, the studio owned by Seagram, for a reported salary of \$75 million over five years.

Part of the problem in Hollywood is the intense competition for audiences and the glut of new films that regularly flood the cinemas at certain times of the year. An expensive film that floos or simply underperforms expectations can deliver a staggering blow to a studio's finances, putting its executives under intense pressure. Several studios have recently vowed to reduce their production and cut the costs of filmmaking but none has so far lived up to

This is the backdrop to the launch of DreamWorks, the company started by Steven Spielberg, David Geffen and Jeffery Katzenberg (Bill Gates is also involved as an investor). To Holly-wood's surprise. DreamWorks has produced very little except a few television shows. Observers say that its failure to make a splash with a big film or an animation may mean that it is faltering in the highly competitive movie market. If it is, it may mean the fall of three more stars of the Hollywood business firmament. After the chaos of 1996 it might be

reasonable to expect the next 12 months to be less fraught for Hollywood's bosses. Yet the financial problems that they face are not going to vanish and it is never wise to underestimate Hollywood's ability to come up with unexpected plot twists. The only thing that seems certain is that those who lose their jobs will still end up as

Racial equality 'will help UK to compete'

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BUSINESS leaders are joining the Government in a new initiative on racial equality and they will insist jointly that greater equality will give British companies a competitive advantage in world markets.

Gillian Shephard, Employment and Education Secretary, will join Robert Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, in announcing the initiative, together with Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality. Building on a long-term campaign by the CRE, they will set out the business case for racial equality in employ-

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ers will accept that there is some way to go before mem-bers of ethnic minorities are fully represented at every level across all sectors of business.

The Government will emphasise that Britain's eth-nic minorities form a "significant and increasing" proportion of the UK's working population, as well as representing a growing and important consumer market that

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employers cannot afford to ignore. Mrs Shephard said: We will be putting the case to business leaders that racial equality of opportunity in employment is central to good business and management practice, not simply because it is fair but also because it makes good business sense . . .

at work, and the equal opporto achieving diversity."

Foreign legion marches in to slay dragons of Welsh economy

revived the Welsh economy. Thirteen years ago. when the Principality seri-ously began to woo foreign firms in a bid to diversify away from declining heavy industries, 12.8 per cent of the workforce was unemployed, against a UK average of 10.1 per cent. Today, unemploy-ment in Wales is down to 7.5 per cent, against a 6.9 per cent national average. Some areas, such as Mer-

thyr — where 5,000 people applied for 300 jobs at Wales's first Korean-owned company. Halla — prove that much remains to be done. But Wales has managed to cut unemployment by 35 per cent since 1983 amd seemingly unhelpful local condiingly unhelpful local condi-

That is largely because of the 414 overseas-owned plants that employ 157,000 people, a third of the manufacturing workforce. These companies employ more people than the 152,700 who lacked jobs in 1983.

Last year, according to William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, "we've won over 130 projects, promising more than 15,000 jobs". But foreign firms have done more than just create jobs. They have invested more than FIO.2 billion in capital projects. Professor Garel Rhys, of Cardiff Business School, said: They have revitalised Welsh manufacturing industry. Wales is bucking the trend of decline in manufacturing."

The sector has grown by an eighth since 1990, and the two main areas of development, electronics and automotive components, have experienced huge expansion. Some 200 automotive components producers employ some 27,000 people, and create annual sales of £1.7 billion. ,ريزد.

This growth, Professor Rhys believes, is because of Wales's low unit labour costs. "That does not mean low s." he thsists. "Wages paid by inward investors tend to be higher than those paid by indigenous businesses. But as our workforce has high productivity, unit labour costs are low."

The flexible nature of the Welsh workforce was noted by 50 of the Principality's top inward investors in a survey by Coopers & Lybrand. Nine out of ten said their workforce beat requirements for productivity and willing-ness to train. Sony said: "We are the most flexible, produc-tive, and profitable site in

Europe." That is why Sony, like three quarters of the inves-tors questioned, wants to expand in South Wales. Earlier this month it announced a £50 million investment at Bridgend and Pencoed that will create 1,000 jobs making tubes for wide-screen televisions.

*Companies that expand here show their commitment to Wales," says James Turner, the Welsh Development Agency's head of inward investment. "And they demonstrate to new investors that Wales is a successful place in which to operate. They are an important endorsement for us."

Mr Turner believes that the £1.7 billion investment planned by Lucky Goldstar (LG) is the best advert Wales will receive over the next 10 years. He claims that the

Iola Smith on

how Wales bucked trend

of decline in manufacturing

directly by the Korean conglomerate in Newport will bring 15,000 more jobs, creat-

ed by suppliers.
The Sony experience proves that this is possible.
Cardiff Business School reckons that for each of the 4,000 people employed directly by Sony, a further four have been taken on by suppliers. These include 40 small indig-enous Welsh businesses and inward investors such as Ocean Technical Glass, the German-Japanese joint venture which set up in Cardiff Bay to make glass for Sony

Investments of this kind from the US, Korea and Japan are expected in Lucky Goldstar's wake. Some companies, such as Align-Rite, the American-owned electronics firm, have expanded



Hague: 130 projects -

in Bridgend in anticipation of Lucky Goldstar. Under the Source Wales initiative, LG will also be encouraged to look local whenever possible. For example, Halla, its compatriot, has already ordered El million of goods and services from local suppliers. two thirds of its needs.

"Sourcing locally is a positive business advantage," says Neil Fitzgerald, Halla's purchasing officer. A lot of our suppliers are close enough to enable us to meet personally and talk things through whenever there is a problem. That makes for efficiency." efficiency."

Newcomers have also introduced new management practices. Both indigenous and non-Asian inward nevestors are being introduced to the Japanese way of doing business. Back in the 1980s. Sony learnt the hard way about the British approach to supplier standards. Two fifths of components arriving at Bridgend were defective. Now, after a training initiative and supplier award scheme, the failure rate is down to one in 200.

Agency (WDA) has set up a dustrial base.

gramme for businesses introducing Japanese ideas on shop-floor efficiency, com-munications and relation-ships with suppliers. It includes factory visits and problem-solving workshops for companies seeking efficiency gains.
The success of inward in-

estment in south east Wales is causing some concern that the economy there could overheat. "But that is not a problem at present," says Mr Turner. Together with a Tec and Imperial College, which is joint owner of LG's site, we are establishing a training centre in semi-conductor electronics to ensure that skills shortages will not be-come a problem."

There has been criticism from communities in Gwynedd. Pembrokeshire and Heads Of The Valleys that they have been passed over by the foreign boom. Although location is largely up to companies, some are beginning to look at less favoured areas. Last week Faure, the French car seat manufacturer, announced a £12 million plan to establish a factory and create 300 jobs in

the unemployment black spot of Tredegar. Call Centres are planned for the rural north and west in the hope that they can emulate the success of rural Mid Wales in attracting foreign companies. John Taylor, chief executive of the Development Board for Rural Wales, says: "Our European, Japanese and North American-owned firms are helping us diversify the rural economy. And the wages they pay are on a par with the UK

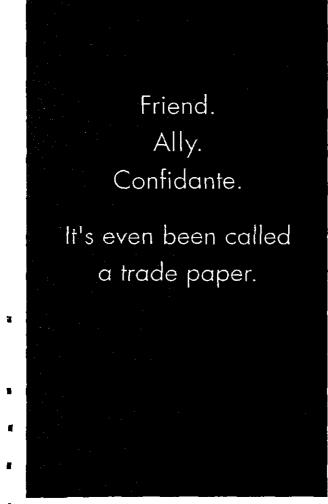
Manufacturing now em-pleys a tenth of the rural Undoubtedly, 175 North

American 165 continental, 51 Japanese and 23 Asian and Australian operations have changed the face of the Welsh economy in 13 years. But maintaining momentum is hard. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, when Wales routinely attracted a fifth of the UK's inward investment projects, it was a big player in a less competitive market.

in 1985 the WDA was one of only three such bodies seeking business in Tokyo. Europe now has 650 agencies, twice as many as five years ago, all competing for

After redrawing the development area map in 1993, only a seventh of the Princi-pality's population now lives in a designated development area, compared with a third in 1992. Fortunately grants, though important, are not the only issue for relocating companies. Almedica, an American clinical testing equipment manufacturer. chose Deeside, North Wales, in preference to another UK region that could give finan-

cial assistance.
The WDA is keen to dismiss the idea that the regions are trying to outbid each other to attract foreign companies. "Inward investment is now industrial policy," says Professor Rhys. "If a project does not come to Wales, or Scot-land, or wherever, it does not come to the UK." Everyone loses because, as Professor Rhys points out, "inward investment's greatest success The Welsh Development is in rebuilding Britain's in-



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ment, including how best to develop equality policies on race for the millennium and beyond. At a conference this month, ministers and business lead-

The business necessity for race equality in employment is Mr Ouseley said: "Companies are beginning to recog-nise benefits of racial equality tunity policies which are a key

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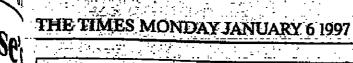
(a) A very young child, Scottish dialect. The diminutive of wean. Robert Burns, Scotch Drink, 1785: "When skirlin weanies see the light. Thou maks the gossips clatter bright."

(a) The infusion of malt or other grain which after fermentation becomes beer (or may be used for the distillation of spirits), unfermented beer. Old English wyrt = Old Saxon wurtja spicery. "No person may, without being licensed,/ Brew or make wort or

(c) To vow or swear. Old-fashioned American colloquialism. An alteration of to vow. Oliver Wendell Holmes, The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, 1858: "But the Deacon swore, (as Deacons do, With an 'I dew vum', or an 'I tell yeou'."

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Prospects for 1997 offer little hope of early improvement

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n Europe, the gilt market has been Italy, for example, being in EMU at the the one bond market that many start, there was considerably less doubt analysts said looked cheap but few about the UK. Change of government or investors wished to buy. The result has been an abysmal performance over the past year. This was the case in absolute. terms but was more pronounced in relative terms, given that gilts failed to the Government staggered from one participate in the convergence trades, mini-crisis to another, and its majority in that dominated other European bond the House of Commons disappeared, a markets. 1996 will be remembered as the year in which yields on Spanish and Italian bonds dived below those available on gitts.

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There were three main reasons for this: dismal state of affairs. The first was EMU-induced yield convergence. Mar-ket valuations were acutely affected by shifting perceptions as to which countries would be in or out of EMU. Whatever one's view on the possibility of

not, EMU entry in the UK looks further away than in most other major EU

Secondly, there was political risk. As Labour victory at the next general election looked an increasingly safe bet. This is not perceived to be the market threat that it once was, as the prospective Labour approach to key aspects of macro policy look indistinguishable from those of the Conservative Party.

Nevertheless, markets dislike risk and in various respects - on tax policy and the public sector borrowing requirement in particular - uncertainty remains over

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the new government's likely approach. To international — or indeed domestic -investors faced with a wide range of alternatives, this seemed like a market to

Finally, there has been the state of the economy itself. Strong consumer-led growth and falling unemployment does make the UK economy look like one of the most successful in Europe. But from a bond market perspective this carries risks, crucially for inflation and hence for short-term interest rates. An upbeat Budget forecast, as well as the surprise base-rate hike of late October, underlined the extent of these risks. Looking forward, the depressing conclusion is that if this analysis of the reason for gilts' underperformance is correct, then not much is set to change, at least in the early part of 1997, EMU concerns and political risk will clearly persist for a while. And the extent of the threat posed by strong economic growth remains far from clear. Base rates are set to rise again (most probably in February, after the release of the Q4 GDP estimate in late January), but that will not be the end of the story. The trend in base rates could continue to be up for much of this year, regardless of which party wins the election.

In short, it will get worse before it gets better and the yield premium of ten-year

around 1.85 per cent - is likely to exceed 2 per cent before the election is out of the way. After that, however, some improvement should be in prospect. The impact of stronger growth (around 3.5 per cent in 1997) on inflation will be limited given the clear shift in inflationary expectations in the UK and internationally. Inflation is not expected to stray much from the 2.5 per cent target (likely to he retained by the new government). The peak of the base-rate cycle should be no higher than 7 per cent under these

Nevertheless, the experience of 1996 shows that it would be unwise to get too enthusiastic about gilts in 1997. Although the market may do slightly better postelection, the extent of the improvement is expected to be limited. Strongish GDP

growth, rising interest rates and continued scepticism about Europe even under a Labour government (committed, like the Government in power, to following rather than leading public opinion) all differentiate the UK market from most other European bond markets.

This combination of political and economic factors makes the UK look unique in a European context at the moment. While many might quite legitimately argue that this is a desirable state of affairs (with an unemployment rate, for example, that is the envy of most), it does imply that gilts could end up being the last genuinely highyielding European bond market.

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Rolls-Royce and BAe seek end to stake limit

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A FRESH push on the Gov ernment to relax the limits on foreign investors in British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce has been launched by the two companies in the wake of the planned merger between Boe-ing and McDonnell Douglas of the United States.

Sir Richard Evans, BAe chief executive, and Sir Ralph Robins, chairman of Rolls-Royce, asked Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, before Christmas to lift the 29.5 per cent foreign investor limit.
Their call is the latest in a

long battle for the rule, insti-gated at the privatisation of both companies, to be abandoned in response to the increasing globalisation of their businesses and the growth in strategic alliances

> CBI sees growth in property holdings

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A GROWING number of companies plan to put cash into commercial property, research by the Confederation of British

Industry and Grimley, the property adviser, shows. Nearly one third of businesses questioned say that they will increase property. holdings, although more than a quarter plan to reduce their commercial property interests. Forty one per cent expected to make no change. Sudhir Junankar, asso-

ciate director of economic analysis at the CBI, said: Business confidence has strengthened markedly compared with six months ago, and companies expect a further pick-up in busi-ness led by domestic de-mand. With profitability set to grow faster over the next six months, the upturn in the commercial property market is becom-

ing more firmly based."

Distributors, metal manufacturers, chemical processors, transport com-panies and those involved in communications are among those most likely to increase their property holdings in the next six months. Expanding capacity is the reason that most companies give for intending to buy more property.

become the world's largest aerospace company via a take over of McDonnell Douglas. making flexibility among members of the European aerospace indiustry more urgent. The merger is the latest panies. It is exerting pressure on Europe's aerospace business as it competes with US giants for business. But Euroby national politics.

between companies. Boeing foreign investment BAe faces a big reorganisation of its resources when Airbus, the

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yesterday on talks between the companies and Mr Lang. But it is thought his department is receptive to the idea. If there are encouraging signs from the DTI, BAe and Rolls-Royce will be keen to win assurances before the general election.

it is with more recent privatisations such as the electricity generators — but was raised to its present level eight years ago, after Rolls-Royce had to force some investors to sell when the limit was exceded. The idea of limiting foreign

ownership is to prevent over-seas takeovers of big business-es. But the companies think a takeover could still be stopped by the Government regardless

revealed plans last month to consolidation of US compean consolidation is impeded For some time, BAe has

warned the Government of the need for Europe's groups to get together or face extinction. Rolls-Royce is similarly affected by fierce competition in aerospace and has a growing international arm that strengthens its desire for flexibility in consortium in which it has a 20 per cent stake, becomes a

single corresponding 1999.

Foreign cruitsishing proboth companies stands at about 26 per cent, leaving them with no space to strike large links involving cross-ownership wiin overseas comp

and industry stands firm over the limits, it would heighten the industrial logic of a merger between RAe and GEC, the other big UK aerospace busin-ess. Bur such a link might not find favour with the Ministry of Defence, which would be dealing with just one contrac-tor for military needs.

The DTI could not comment

A BAe spokesman said yesterday that the lobbying of the DIT was "part of the bigger picture in the industry". Rolls Royce said there was no deadline for further talks between the parties. Originally, foreign owner-

ship in the two companies was restricted to 14.9 per cent — as

of the ownership make-up.
Last year the DTI reaffirmed its commitment to
golden shares in the generators although it had allowed foreign takeovers of several other electricity companies



THE former Royal Mint complex. landmark classical building opposite the Tower of-London, has been sold to Capital and Income Group, called CIT and owned by a group of

overseas millionaires. CIT has paid £90 million to Hermes, managers of BT pension funds, for a long lease on the 440,000 square feet of office space, mainly contained in undistinguished 1980s blocks at the back of the listed

building. The Crown Commissioners, who are the freeholders, share half the rents on the complex, which come largely from Barclays Bank. The deal shows an initial yield of 8.75 per cent. CIT has bought four other prominent

buildings in the past year, including Smith New Court (now Merrill Lynch) headquarters and Sea Containers House, both in London. Hermes is looking to reinvest the proceeds in

Visa to fine banks GGT deals may be Abell denies talk of bid halted until March with millennium bug for Jourdan

VISA, the world's largest credit card company, is preparing to impose a fine of up to £100,000 per month on some of its member banks in a lastditch attempt to ensure that they will accept credit cards with expiry dates extending into the new millennium.

The company, itself a consortium of 20,000 banks, is launching the penal system a year after its first deadline for Year 2000 compliance. It esti-mated that 1.3 million outlets worldwide are still unable to cope with cards with expiry dates reading "00". Britain is believed to account for only 40,000 of the faulty terminals.

After April, banks that have

problems processing the cards will be charged between £600 and £100,000 per month, depending on volume, until they correct the bug. Visa says that 90 per cent of

terminals accept the new cards but an unacceptably high number still throw up an error. Jim Dickie, vice president of Visa's operations and services in Europe, said the move was the next logical step to saleguard the card's brand name.

Year 2000 compliance is the first of three upheavals Visa faces over the next three years. The cards are also to have built-in microchips, and European monetary union will require further upgrades.

DAVID ABELL, former chairman of Suter, has denied reports that he plans to launch a bid for Thomas Jourdan, the trouser-press to DIY goods company in which he controls a 4.5 per cent stake (Fraser Nelson writes). Mr Abell, who netted £10

million when Suter was bought by Ascot Holdings. told The Times he holds the shares as part of a range of investments and without ulterior motive. Bid talk shot Jourdan's shares from a threeyear low of 22p two weeks ago to 33¹2p after the company said it was asking Mr Abell to clarify his interest." Jourdan also disclosed that Mr Abell's friends and family owned 1.7 per cent of the shares.

diligence but we hope to have a shareholders' meeting on February 28," Mr Greenlees

at the earliest.

deal until the end of January

the advertising agency, may have to wait until March to see a relisting of the company's which will treble the size of the London agency.

The transaction has remindshares. These were suspended in September when GGT announced a £110 million bid for

BDDP, a French rival. Mike Greenlees, GGT's chief executive, has been hoption of Manpower. ing to have news for share-GGT's directors have holders this month. But now he does not expect to have a prospectus ready to give shareholders the details of the

"We are just completing due

INVESTORS in GGT Group. told The Times. GGT Group shares were suspended because of the size of the deal.

> ed City analysts of mid-1980s deals such as WPP Group's purchase of J Walter Thompson and Blue Arrow's acquisi-

been fearful of a market collapse while due diligence is under way. Their confi-dence has not been helped by the news that Wells Rich Green, BDDP's New York agency, recently lost £50 million worth of work for Ford, the motor company.

Lending to developing world soars

International banks are lending money to developing and smaller countries in an "unprecedented volume", according to the Bank for International Settlements.

New lending outside Western Europe, North America and Japan totalled \$60.7 billion in the first half of 1996. the BIS reports. Lending to Asian countries reached a record \$34.7 billion. South Korea rebounded to top spot with \$10.9 billion.

New lending to Latin American recovered strongly to \$10.1 billion, but sharp inflows into Brazil consisted largely of short-term money.

Costain EGM

Costain, the troubled construction group, faces its shareholders today for its second extraordinary meeting in as many weeks. The company, which is the main contractor for the controversial Newbury by-pass in Berkshire, wants to ratify part of its rescue plans and the issuing of shares to two key overseas investors. Costain hopes to raise more than £5 million through the new shares to fund restructuring.

IoD attack

More than half the members of the Institute of Directors who responded to a survey on the EU's working hours directive said it would damage their business, with only 3 per cent rating it a benefit. IoD members also criticised in advance any labour market under the EU's social chapter. Ruth Lea, head of the IoD's policy unit, said: "Imposition of these regulations can only damage business's ability to compete, thrive and create

Shares placed Clinphone which uses an

interactive voice response telephone system to speed up trials of new drugs, has raised a further £3.3 million for expansion through a placing with the private equity arms of Mercury Asset Manage-ment and HSBC.

Bernard Matthews Bernard Matthews clarified on Friday that Mr Matthews, chairman of the eponymous turkey company, has trans-ferred one million shares into a family trust and has not holding. No payment was received by Mr Matthews.

Chemists battle set to resume

By Sarah Cunningham

LLOYDS Chemists, which has been at the centre of a £630 million takeover battle for nearly a year, reports trading figures for the last three months of 1996 this week.

The trading statement, which should signal the resumption of fighting over its future, will include the crucial Christmas period. It is due tomorrow or on Wednesday and will indicate whether after golden shares expired. Lloyds' business has contin-

ued to suffer because of the

long-running bid battle, which began last January 18. In October, it reported a sharp drop in full-year profits and blamed costs and uncertainties associated with the bids.

UniChem and Germany's Gehe have until January 17 to decide whether to increase their bids for Lloyds, which last month recommended shareholders to take no action until they see whether either is

raised. The takeover battle has become one of the longestrunning in recent years.

bids were referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Committee, After a conditional dearance in the autumn. both relaunched their bids. Gehe is offering 500p a share in cash, while UniChem is offering cash and shares.

Clyde and hostile bidder a gulf apart



BY PAUL DURMAN

GULF CANADA'S E432 million takeover bid for Clyde Petroleum values the UK oil company's shares at less than half the rating enjoyed by Gulf Canada's own stock, Clyde claimed yesterday.

In its first defence document, Clyde said

that an analysis of cash flow multiples an important industry benchmark—
showed that the company was "dramatically undervalued" by Gulf Canada's
offer of 105p a share. Adjusted for debt.
Gulf Canada's offer values Clyde at 5.7 times its 1995 cash flow. In comparison. Gulf Canada's shares trade on a multiple of 12.7. Clyde claims that the average multiple of comparable companies is 8.9.
Gulf Canada dismissed the cash flow

usually valued by reference to net assets. A spokesman said that Gulf was offering 40 per cent above Clyde's net asset value.

Malcolm Gourlay, Clyde's chairman, said that Gulf Canada's offer failed to reflect progress made since the company

began overhauling its strategy in 1994. The company has turned round operating losses of £22.3 million in 1993, making operating profits of £33.7 million in 1995. and £27.8 million in the first half of 1996. Since 1993, Clyde's total proven and probable reserves have risen by 37 per cent, to 225 million barrels of oil equivalent (mmboe), while commercial reserves -

already on stream or commercially viable - grew by 21 per cent, to 130 mmhoe.
The defence document discloses that Mr Gulf Canada dismissed the cash flow.

Gourlay and other Clyde directors have comparisons as a red herring, and said sold more than 450,000 shares since last indicating that the City believes that Gulf will have to raise its bid if it is to win.

dismissed the sales as a non-issue. He said that most sales were of options close to expiry, and were partly driven by tax planning needs. He said that all Clyde's executive directors have bigger shareholdings now than a year ago.

A Gulf Canada spokesman commented: "The board have been selling out consistently over the last year. Shareholders should follow suit."

Clyde's fate largely rests with four shareholders, including Schroders. Norwich Union and PDFM, that together control 52.5 per cent of its shares. Roy Franklin, Clyde's managing direc-tor, refused to say whether Clyde was seeking a white knight in preference to a

deal with Gulf Canada.

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Davies: made George his next venture



Entrepreneurs who survived the decade of boom and bust

Conran: retailer turned restaurateur

ne way of making Roy Bishko, chairman of Tie him a niche retailer. Big mistake and very 1980s. Any journalist lax enough to use that term when describing the silk shirts to scarves and ties chain will receive by return the standard letter pointing out the

error of their ways. Niche retailing is a concept that has unfortunate associations with the boom and bust of retailing in the 1980s. Think of the spectacular rise and fall of Sock Shop. Think of Mrs Field's, whose ambitious plans for

cookie shops crumbled away. Tie Rack, says Mr Bishko, is "a design-led retail accessory business". It is also that rarer commodity: a retail business that survived the transition from 1980s boom to 1990s recession, despite a patch around 1990 when it nearly came undone as a result of expansion into the US.

With retailers now making more optimistic noises than for some time. it is worth looking around to see just how many of Mr Bishko's retail contemporaries are still battling it out on the shop floor. Some, it seems, have never gone away. Lord Harris. the rugs-to-riches carpet magnate built up Harris Queensway in the 1980s and sold out in 1988, two years before the group, as Lowndes Queensway, went into receivership.

Within months, Lord Harris was back in business with Carpetright, the venture that was floated in 1993 and is now joint market leader with Allied Carpets.

Sock Shop was founded in 1982 by Sophie Mirman, then 27. By 1986 she and her husband, Richard Ross, had a stake worth £50 million. By 1990, the company was in administrative Sock Shop is once again expanding in the UK and overseas, this time under the control of Jumper, the retail group that bought the chain in June from Stephen Hinchliffe's collapsed

Facia group.

And Sophie Mirman? She is running two children's shops in London, Trotters in the King's Road and in the High Street. Kensington. The shops sell shoes, clothing and toys for children aged up to ten, as well as offering hairdressing.

Next autumn, a mail order service will be launched but further retail expansion is not planned. "I had a big chain before and have no intention of having one again," she says. "I am very happy running small shops." While Trotters is "trading extremely well", she is not convinced that a retail boom is looming.

The retail climate is very cautious although the Christmas figures appear to be good," she says. Consumers remain wary, and she adds: Retailing patterns have changed and consumers are now far more Clare Stewart on the fate and fortunes of those who shaped the business world of the 1980s



Sophie Mirman is happy to trade on a smaller scale at the children's shops she runs in London

discerning. A customer now has to have a good reason to go into a shop

Gerald Ratner, former head of the iewellery retailer, takes a more optimistic view of recovery, although he is not rushing back into the high street. At present, his two key preoccupations are personal fitness and learning French. The latter is to assist with his role as a consultant to France's largest retail jeweller, while personal fitness links to the planned Easter launch of The Workshop, which aims to be the first of a chain of

state-of-the-art fitness centres. Mr Ratner is also consultant to the long-planned and long-delayed retail development at Tobacco Dock in east London. Factory shops and a multiscreen cinema are now scheduled to open some time in 1997-98. Mr Ramer says: "Things are definitely on a recovery. It has been a long cycle and people have been predicting it for some time. It is a good time to be going into the gym business as people are spending money."

Festive fright

FEAR abounded for the

future of the European arm of

Wasserstein Perella, the US

merchant banker, after an

eagle-eyed financier noticed

that a company named Wasserstein Perella Manage-

ment Services was placed in

liquidation just before

However. Howard Coving-ton, formerly of BZW and now head of Wasserstein's

London arm, was able to put

minds at rest. "It was a

subsidiary we hadn't used for

Learning has also been a preoccu-pation of John Ashcroft, former head of the Coloroll wallpapers to carpets group. Mr Ashcroft steered Coloroll to stock market stardom but stood down as chairman shortly before the group collapsed in 1990 with debts of £350 million.

r Ashcroft has just completed a PhD at Manchester Metropolitan University (on the balance of payments in the 1980s), fulfilling a long-held ambition. He has no immediate plans but says that there are "lots of things I would like to do in business or academic life". Since leaving Coloroll he has been involved in a number of smaller companies, including the unfortunately named Survival Aids, an outdoor equipment and mountaineering business that went under, as well as publishing his quarterly

Economic Picture Book. Mr Ashcroft is not convinced that retailing has recovered its former momentum. "It is still a pale shadow of the late 1980s and I don't expect to see a full-scale consumer boom."

Looking back, and had he known then what he knows now about economics, would he have spotted the warning signs? "We had all the information, but in the 1980s people were taken unaware by events and the timing. We knew a slowdown was

coming but not when." Among fashion retailers in the 1980s, Sir Ralph Halpern cut a dash when both his business success and private life hit the headlines. He played a lead role in transforming Burton from a grey menswear chain into a retail group that included Top Shop and Dorothy Perkins, and snapped in 1985 Debenhams.

Since leaving Burton with a £2 million payoff in 1990, Sir Ralph has kept a much lower profile, with the exception of jobs such as chairman of the British Fashion Council, helping to promote leading names in design and retail. Sir Ralph's daughter,

Jenny, who runs a public relations and marketing agency, says he does not have any full-time business involvement at present, although he does advise her and her clients on occasion.

Another 1980s high street and stock market star was Next, the fashion to furnishings group that, under the guidance of George Davies, brought designer fashion and double-breast-ed suits to the masses. The Next fairy story came to an abrupt end in 1988 when profits began to falter and Mr Davies was dismissed. He bounced back with Xtend, a home shopping business, which failed to take off and went into liquidation after 13 months.

uch more successful has been the George Davies Partnership, which supplies the George range of clothing to Asda, the supermarket group.

Control of the business was sold to Asda for £16 million last year, although Mr Davies continues to run George, for which he has ambitious expansion plans. The strength of the brand is already evident. In Asda's interim figures, reported in Decem-ber, sales of the George brand were up 35 per cent, with womenswear and childrenswear showing particularly strong growth.

Outgunning all of the above for retzil longevity is Sir Terence Conran, who has survived decades of change since his Habitat success in the 1960s. In the 1980s, he was involved in the early development of Next, and by 1986 he was chairman of Storehouse, the British Home Stores, Habitat and Mothercare combine. Since leaving Storehouse in 1990. Sir Terence has become almost as well taurateur as a reta opening venues in London such as Quaglino's and Mezzo.

In May, he will open a food market and restaurant complex in the Kings Road, west London, while later in the year a new site at No 1 Poultry, in the City, will be launched.

Sir Terence bought back the Conran Shop in 1990 and has since taken the concept to Paris and Japan. A second London site is due to open in Marylebone High Street this year, with further openings planned for Glasgow and Manhattan.

The bursting of the 1980s retail bubble took its toll of the high street credibility of many a high-flyer, although names such as Next, Laura Ashley and Burton endured and prosper under new management. But as a sign of quite how much things have changed, Mr Ashcroft recalls how when he first planned his PhD thesis in 1989 his proposed topic was rejected as rather irrelevant.

The daring proposition? That interest rates have an impact on consumer spending."

Weatherall, assistant director

of Hambros Bank in Austra-

lia and a cousin of chairma:

Sir Chips Keswick, received a

memorable present on Christ-mas Day — a baby daughter, with the rather eccentric name

Lucky 13 at the Proms

From the Proms. Radio 3, 2,00pm.

It was, I recall, Friday the 13th. I also remember crossing my fingers. Would the fickle finger of fate point in Sir Georg Solti's direction, and the whole hand strike him down with an illness that would keep him away from the conductor's rostrum at the Royal Albert Hall? No. He entered to huge cheers and a barrage of foot stamping and, at the conclusion of Beethoven's Choral Symphony, the applause went on for so long that he held up both hands in a gesture of exhausted delight and said: "Enough! Please go home!" That unforgettable performance, and the nine choral works by Bruckner that preceded it, conducted by Jane Glover, launch Radio 3's season of 1996 from recordings.

God's Country: The Love Letters of Ragic Patel. Radio 4. 2.00pm. Lee Hall has written what is probably the most densely interrogative play you will hear this year. I estimate that there is roughly a question every other minute. They come from 12-year-old Ragie, splendidly played by Kulwant Singh Bhatia, a Tyneside Indian and total innocent who debudes himself into thinking he might be a god and that his 18-year-old aunt (Nina Wadia) wants to marry him. The proliferation of questions and their answers make for a thoroughly entertaining comedy which ends, unexpectedly, in tragedy. The interpolated songs from the musical South Pacific do not always suit the action.

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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(Manfred Symphony, 10.00 Musical Encounter John Toal Includes Krasa (Overture for Small Orchestra); Bononcini (Divertimento de Camera in C

(Divertimento da Camera in C
minor); Martinu (Serenade No
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volins and viola)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Claudio Monteveroli
1.00pm News; BBC Lunchthre
Concert. Live from St John's,
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Ove Andares, piano. Grieg
(Norweglan Folk Songs, Op
66; Norweglan Feasant
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2.00 From the Proms. See
Choice

2.00 From the Frome. S.C. Choice.

3.45 Volcas: Pick of the Year:
Listeners pick their favourite songs of 1998 (r)

4.30 Lester Leaps in (r)

5.00 Music Machine (r) 5.15 In Tune. Anthony Burton . Jaunches a new daily feature devoted to orchestral and instrumental music inspired by literature. He also reflects on the feast of Epiphany and celebrates the 125th

anniversary of the birth of Scriabin Mosea und Aron. Schoenberg's unfinished opera in a rare performance given last October at the - Festival Hall, London, conducted by the Philharmonia's newly appointed music director. Christoph von Dohnand, with the Ages Handers I bestings, on

Aags Haugland, baritor Moses and Hans Ascheribach, tenor, as Aron 9.25 Russia Five Years On. 9.25 Russia Five Years On,
Professor Geoffrey Hosking
taffs to Raiph Land, advisor
to Rolls-Royce and Rank
Xarox, among others, about
doing business in the new
Russia.
10.00 Ensemble, with Penny Gore
10.45 Mibding it, with Mark Russia
11.30 Composer of the Week:
Leonard Bernstein (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes
1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4 6,15 Just a Minute, Nicholas Persons challenges guests Paul Merion, Clement Freud, Peter Jones and Derek

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00: News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Skip Alf That 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week

10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM). Diary of an Exhibition, the journels of Peter Blake 10.00 Delty Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenri Murray

Murray
11.30 Road to Redemption (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM)
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series of the general

knowledge music quiz, hosted by Ned Sherrin 12.55 Westher
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Peter Jones and Derek
Nimmo (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: A Month
In the Country, A new AngloIrish version by Brien Friel of
Turgenev's classic comedy
9.45 The Amorak. The snorsk his
thrown off its nerdy image but
for how long? (r) 9.59
Westher Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime; Scarlet
and Black. Reed by Greg.
Wise (6/10)
11.00 Discursive Excursions.

Seasoned travellers recall their exploits. Benedict Allein Andrew Mitchell and Roger. Chapmen relive the delights of travelling in tropical rainforests (r) (1/3). Rent (r) 11.30 Rent (r) 12.00 News Incl 12.27am approx

Weather

12.30am The Late Book: Through the Locking Glass, by Lews Carroll (r) (B/T)

12.48 Stapping 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693; 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 846; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.6; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089 Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Jan Hughes, Rosemary. Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

Pantling delves into the ex files EX-HUSBANDS have their

uses. Ask Jennifer Pantling. introduced to one of the directors at Granville & Co by her first husband Nigel Pantling, a director at Hambros Bank. A month after her departure

from Adam & Partners. Pantling has been appointed a director of the merchant banking division of Granville Holdings. Recalling her time in the late Eighties as one of the first female directors at Smith New Court, where she contributed to the rapid growth of the corporate finance team. Pantling says she wants to do the same at Granville.

Meanwhile. Pantling is off to Paris on Eurostar. And, yes. she collected her tokens in The

THE TIMES



CITY DIARY

Hacked off

MEMO of the month comes from Mark Harden, City Edi-tor of the Denver Post. "To: staff. I can't believe I'm writing a note like this, not being a fifth-form teacher, but here goes: I'd like the rubber band wars to stop. And the throwing of pencils, paper wads and fruit. I've had complaints about this from your colleagues. I think it's reason-

four years." he tells me, add-

ing that 1996 was, in fact, a

cracking year.

able to expect that you can sit at your desk and not be bombarded with flying objects." No such memo at The

POLITICAL cocktail is being mixed at the Savoy Hotel. Peter Dorelli, head barman, is taking orders for Eurofile and Europhobe cocktails. La Ina sherry, Campari, dry orange Curaçao. Créme de Cassis. and passion fruit flavoured Raben Horst, are among the former's cosmopolitan ingre-

dients. London Gin, Bronte

from Yorkshire, and apple juice from Suffolk, make up

Double delight

A DOUBLE whammy for the globe-trotting Weatheralls. Percy Weatherall, managing director of Hongkong Land, and his wife, Clara, are celebrating the birth of their second child, delivered last Thursday (prohably the last of the Keswick clan to be born in Hong Kong before China reclaims control in July). Meanwhile, brother Ben

Hair today... MEDIA pundit Justin Ur-

of Barney Rose.

quhart Stewart is sporting a very short fringe. After a fiery encounter with the family Christmas pudding, the man-aging director of Barclays Stockbrokers will perhaps be a

little less generous when it comes to pouring the brandy in future. Surely he got some sympathy from his family? "No," he says, "everyone was in too much of an alcoholic stupor to even notice.

MORAG PRESTON











How many reasons do you need to try Nicobrevin? Nicobrevia is designed to provide support for those who want to give up smoking. It does NOT contain Nicotine & is non habit forming

& local Chemists.

The state of the s

Du Maurier dominated by Diana's Danvers here is good news and, just shuddered caressing the first Mrs mood swung suddenly from rofor once, more good news.

Let's take the good news housekeeper-like way. I didn't variety to melodrama (cops, too first, shall we? Diana Rigg was on top form in last night's Refreces (ITV). After two rather indifferent outings recently, first in Moll Flanders and then in the execrable Samson and Delilah, she needed something to restore morale and Call against Greg Votes of the State of the Mrs Danvers was definitely it. A more bewirching figure cannot have stalked the corridors of All I was pitting of the state Manderley before

As I recall, the word "menace" means something rather different in du Maurier family code, secretly signifying attractiveness. In which case Rigg's Mrs Danvers was "menacing" in every sense of the word. Sinister, of course, as she prowled silently around the west. wing but still showing enough signs of fiercely repressed beauty to add a whole new dimension to her obsession with dead Rebecca. "I leel her .. everywhere " she

housekeeper-like way. I didn't dream of Manderley last night.

but tunight, well, fingers crossed. That famous first line had no part to play in Arthur Hopcroft's two-part adaptation, which con-cludes tonight. Instead, the privi-lege fell to Faye Dunaway, looking far 100 good to play faded blowsy beauty with any conviction, but still having a tiall as the wealthy Mrs van Hopper. It was 1927 and Monte Carlo was no longer to her liking. "Not a single well-known personality — what's happening to this place? Enter Maxim de Winter . . . which brings me to the more good news. Rebecca, at least on the evidence of this first

helping, was wonderful. True, there were one or two awkward moments, particularly after de Winter (Charles Dance) and his young bride (Emilia Fox) returned to Manderley and the

BBC2

12.00 Testament. The Bible in Ammatsin (35631) 12.30pm Working Lunch (62273) 1.00. History File (80542051) 1.20 German Globo (69944728) 1.25 Landmarks: (80561186) 1.45 Storytime (44263815) 2.00 Pingu (98863728) 2.05 Heiry Jeremy (98862089) 2.10 The Chempions (9685902)

\$.00 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (6684525)

3.05 DARTS: World Championship High-lights of yesterday's matches (11492051) 5.00 SPACE PRECINCT The star-cops uncover an unethical transplant racket (1)

6.45 AS SEEN ON TV Showcase screening of films from the first three series of the award-winning children's camcorder programme (r) (T) (612525)

7.00 PEOPLE'S CENTURY (r) (T) (878998)

7.50 GARDENERS' WORLD TAKE TWO

Stephen Lacev visits Westpark in Munich to investigate a revolutionary new natural-

style technique of plantling perennials and omemental grasses (T) (755308)

Adam Hart-Davis seeks heroes (8pm)

off on a six-part search for more British pioneers of science and invention.

Beginning in the South West, he creates a

scale model of an extraordinary Brunel-

designed railway. There are also profiles of the Victorian vicar who created a water-

tess lavetory and a carpenter's daughter who became a renowned tossil collector

8.30 UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE St Andrews

10.28 VIDEO NATION SHORTS (346631)

11.15 DARTS: World Championship First-

12.20am FiLM: Through a Glass Darkly

(1962, b/w) starring Harriet Anderson and

Gunnar Bjornstrand. A family holiday is

tom apart by repression, betrayal and

guilt. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. In Swedish with English subtitles (871804)

10.30 NEWSNEGHT (1) (543815)

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v Girton College, Cambridge (T) (4983)

8.00 LOCAL HEROES Adam Hart-Davis sets

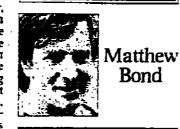
mance (of the no, no . . . don't do it late). Mrs Danvers, we knew. would give the new Mrs De W a hard time, but when Frith the Butler and even the nice estate manager start banging on about the fragrant Rebecca you knew we had said goodbye to anything resembling the real world. But once you make that transition, helped by the inevitable appearance of sinister black oilskins talking with a thick West Country

ance and Fox gave exceptional performances, particularly during the vital early wooing scenes, with Dance displaying just enough fatal charm to make up for de Winter's sudden bouts of rage and Fox cleverly combining grand passion with engaging innocence but never with

REVIEW

Bond

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When Frank Crawley (Torn Chadbon) later told her that "kindness, sincerity and modesty are worth all the beauty in the worldyou knew exactly what he was talking about. Tonight's conclu-sion should not he missed, if only to discover whether we see anything more of Rebecca than Lucy Cohu's suitably captivating eyes.

If Rehecca put a big hole in the for Ballykissangel

modest cheer. I'm right off Irish whimsy at the moment and BallirK, as the locals have it, is one of the main reasons why. The charm is so contrived, the stories so astonishingly inconsequential. Last night's opener was written

in the man who created the series. Kleran Prendiville, and was a cliffhanger of truly pebble-like proportions. Would Assumpta (Dervla Kirwani kiss Father Clifford (Stephen Tompkinson, in the village play, or Enda O'Sullivan, the Benoesque former rock star who has just moved into the area? Give up? Here's a clue: there are an awful lot more episodes to come. The comic subplots were simi-

larly sophisticated stuff, consisting of a farting Irish setter, a blocked farmyard drain and a golf-playing hishon who booked into Assumpta's note! and then - yes, yes booked out again. You whimsy if you want to it know many of you do), but I'm off. Wake me when Hamish MacBeth comes back.

S aturday night brought us that television ratity, the minor retrospective. Alan Yentob had been to New York to interview David Bowie and came back with so little material that the best part of Changes: Bowie at Fifty (BBC2) was all the music in-

In style it was like watching a very bad episode of The Old Grey Whistle Test. Yentob, as you might expect from a man who found success *behind* the camera, was a hopeless interviewer — halting, over-deferential and beginning his questions "when we spoke last . . . " and even "when we were in Los Angeles in 74..." But Bowie, cele-brating his 50th birthday, proved an equally hopeless, halting interviewee, confirming that new school pretension did not end with the departure of Brian Eng.

Bowie started it with "synthesising" and "refracting" artistic sources. But Yentob, drawing on all those meetings that made him Controller of BBC2 and then BBC1, hit back with "intuitive" and "otherness". Bowie, however, playing a clever one-two, trumped that with "mutual eclecticism" followed by "philosophic areas of fragmentation". Time for another record, I thought.

It was the sort of programme that made a long film about dying seem really quite appealing. Goodbye My Love (ITV, Saturday) had superb performances from Robert Lindsay and, particularly, Gwen Humble, as the cuthanasia campaigner, Derek Humphry, and his second wife, Ann. But as a dramatisation of real events (chronology changed, dialogue created, the normal stuff) it never convinced me that this version of events was a) truthful and b) particularly enlightening.

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BBC1

11.00 NEWS (T) and weather (6606419) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW. (8037916)

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (6483186) 12.00 NEWS (1) and weather (7294438) 12.05pm INCOGNITO (6425322) 12.30 CALL MY BLUFF (4168877)

12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27673544) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (80070) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44253438) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (74155235)

2.05 Fil.M: The Watcher in the Woods (1980) starring Bette Davis, Cerroll Baker and David McCalkim. An American family moves into a British house which they

4.35 Record Breakers Gold (7162709) 5.00 Newsround (7) (5583083) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (1150490) 5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (298273)

6.00 NEWS (1) and weather (159) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (821) 7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE (1) (8186)

7.30 WATCHDOG: FACE VALUE
Alice Beer lifts the lid on the
multimillion-pound feshion and beeuty
inclusity (I) (235)
8.00 EASTENDERS Dan must come up with en explanation when he's caught red-handed and Clare tries to patch things up

between Grant and Nigel (T) (4508) 8.30 THE BRITTAS EMPIRE Return of the cornedy about the fasticious leisure centre manager played by Chris Barrie. Gordon Brittas's plan for a sponsored bungee jump looks like coming a cropper when the only member of staff remot interested is a heavily pregnant Julie (T)

1) Spinis 3 9.30 PANORAMA A report on the longrunning debate over hospital closures (T)

(695457). 10.10 Fit.H: A Feel for Murder (1992) stamps Courteney Cox and Jeff Fahey. A blind woman is pursued by a serial rapist and murderer after she folls an attack. Directed by Jack Sholder (1074362) 11.40 FB.M 97 - WITH BARRY NORMAN

includes reviews of Serviving Picasso, starring Anthony Hopkins, and The Mirror. Has Two Faces, a comedy starring Berbra Streisend and Jeff Bridges. Plus, Torn Hanks discusses his directorial debut with That Thing You Do (752896)

12.20em FILM: Dogs of Wer (1980) starring Christopher Walken and Tom Berenger. Mercenaries embark on a mission to overthrow a brutal African dictator. Directed by John Ivin (1) (631113) 2.00 WEATHER (1048026)

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BBC1, 7.30pm In a spin-off from Watchdog, Alice Beer finally escapes the motherly hold of Anne Robinson to host a six-part series on the fashion and beauty industry. As on Watchdog, entertainment mixes seamlessly with hard-nosed consumerism. Is an anti-wrinkle cream all that it claims? Beer gets berself a trin to Now York to find out. She herself a trip to New York to find out. She also exposes the almost invisible distinction between editorial and advertising in some women's magazines. Victor Ubogu takes time off the from the front row of the rugby scrum to follow a 50-year-old businessman through his facelift operation. But the trickiest task falls to the singer Toyah Willow. With help from experts, including a man with a computer program, she sets out

The Fight For Hearts and Minds Channel 4, 8,00pm

In the first of two films on successive nights. Nick Danziger profiles the work of heart transplant surgeons at Harefield Hospital in Middlesex. The story may be familiar but Danziger has an unusual way of telling it. Many more people want transplants than there are organs available. Several die while awaiting the operation. Even those who do get a new heart are not guaranteed long-term survival. Danziger's method, as you might expect from a photo-journalist, is to rely as much on black and white stills as moving film. This may run against television orthodoxy but monochrome images are arguably more powerful. Danziger homes in on four potential heart transplant patients, including a five-year-old girl, and also collects the thoughts of a rising young surgeon, Peter O'Keefe. Danziger's second film was shot at the Maudsley Hospital.

Classic Trains: Coals From Newcastle Channel 4, 8,30pm

We have had classic everything else, from cars to trucks and motorbikes, so it was inevitable that the same production company should get round to railways. As before, the programmes are nostalgic scrapbooks, rather than formal histories, built around surviving machines and the memories of transport veterans. Narration is again entrusted to the reassuring voice of John Peel. Classic Trains begins where the railways began, on the coalfields of north-east England. We are reminded that coal was once transported from the pits by horse-drawn wagons on wooden rails, before steam locomotives and the iron road took pressed back into life, the film argues that we hung on to steam long after it became obsolete. Romantics might not some over. As old puffers are dusted down and

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Paul Berriff's fly-on-the-wall series about 9.00 Fil.M: One Ageinst the Wind (1991) starring Judy Davis and Sam Neill. The story of real-life war heroins Mary Lindell who sucessfully operated an escape route for downed Allied airmen despite attracting the attentions of the Gestapo. Directed by Larry Elicann (1) (4964) Gipton police station near Leeds was first broadcast in 1994. But one of the episodes had to be omitted because it featured a case awaiting trial. That obstacle having been removed, the programme can now be shown. Berriff's ability to have the camera in the right place at the right time is again evident as he gives impressively detailed accounts of three investigations. A suspected armed robber is holed up in a house, a second-hand shop is noted up in a mouse, a second-hand shop is under surveillance for stolen goods and two bogus police officers have been calling on elderly people and stealing their money. Television documentaries have a habit of showing the less reputable side of police work but The Nick projects nothing but calm professionalism, laced with an agreeable strain of humour. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV *:059341; 9.25 WIN, LOSE OR DRAW THE \$1815056 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (7, 13684631) 10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE ,45419. 10.30 THIS MORNING (53544215) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS 4186273;

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4.05 Socity The Animated Series New series (861349C; 4.20 The Addams Family Tree, New series (T. (1930964) 4.45 Art Attack, New series (T) (7146761) 5.10 BAGDAD CAFE (2326506) 5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (431051)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (1) (232148) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (573273) 7.00 WISH YOU WERE HERE? Ultika Jonsson discovers a little-seen side to

Hawaii on the island of Kausi, while Judith Chairmers samples an outdoor family holiday in the northern French region of Picardy, and Julian Ballantyne discovers what delights Turkey holds in store for tourists (T) (3254) 7.30 CORONATION STREET Mike Baldwin

has had a beliviul of Don Brennan's self-pitying behaviour (T) (631)



Charles Dance stars (8pm)

8.00 REBECCA Concluding the Daphne Du Maurier classic. The new Mrs de Winte tries to make her mark on Manderley by reviving the mansion's traditional fancy dress ball (T) (1983)

10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (20186) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (796693)

10.40 NASH SRIDGES New series following the exploits of an inspector (Dor Johnson) with the San Francisco Police Department's Special Investigations Unit Nash goes undercover to expose a gang responsible for stealing millions of dollars' worth of computer technology (T) (231803)

11.35 MAINLY MEN John Leslie presents new magazine for men (945167) 12.05am ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS:

Gigolo (9511910) 12.35 FOOTBALL EXTRA (2356736) 1.20 WAR OF THE WORLDS (r) (4251945) 2.20 LATE AND LOUD (5374262) 3.20 GOD'S GIFT (r) (9540484) 4.20 SOUND BITES (99609552) 4.35 COACH (63312200) 5.00 CORONATION STREET it; (T) (46484) 5.30 NEWS (67200)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (4161964)

1.50 BLUE HEELERS (8515769) 2.50-3.20 HIGH ROAD (9621322) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8328506) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (573273) 11.35 HUNTER (238631)

12.30am NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA (2357465) 1.15 LATE AND LOUD (607674)

2.15 REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL (4443910)

2.40 Film: WICKED STEPMOTHER (89365E) 4.20 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '97 (1461552)

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1.00 CRAWSHAW SKETCHING AND DRAWING COURSE (r) (T) (73785)

1.30 CONTACT HIGH (44246148) 1.40 FILM: Tea and Sympathy 1956; Deborah Kerr helps a young man come to terms with his sexual orientation and cope with the bullying of a teacher. With John Kerr and Left Enckson. Directed by Vincente Minnelli (T) (42309693)

4.00 FRANCES BISSELL'S WEST COUNTRY KITCHEN (1.6) The Times

4.30 COUNTDOWN (T) (544) 5.00 MONTEL WILLIAMS (9642070) 5.45 FOOD FILE (T) (713167)

6.00 MOVIEWATCH (709) 6.30 HOLLYOAKS (T) (761)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (792631) 7.55 SAVE A LIFE (505885)

8.00 CHECK THE FIGHT FOR HEARTS AND MINDS: The Heart Transplant (1/2) The stresses and lears tacing Peter O'Keefe, a trainee heart surgeon at Harefield Hospital (T) (3524)



George Cowell reminisces (8.30pm)

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Most directors fail to meet codes of practice on boardroom pay

By Jason Nissé

MORE THAN 400 executive directors of quoted companies either have no service contracts or fail to disclose the detail of their contracts in spite of a legal requirement to do so, research submitted to the Hampel committee on corporate governance has revealed.

A survey of 1.036 listed companies by Manifest, the proxy voting agency, has also revealed serious divergence from the best practice in corporate governance laid down in the Cadbury and Greenbury codes, and forms part of Manifest's submission to the committee chaired by Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman of ICI, which is looking at ways of taking the debate forward.

Manifest, which holds a share in all public companies and inspects all director service contracts, has found that 112 executive directors have no service contract and another 290 fail to disclose contract details. Only 1,139 comply with the code of best practice by having contracts of 12 months duration or less, 1,300 have two-year fixed contracts, 116 have three-year fixed deals, 87 have twoyear rolling contracts and 82 have threeyear rolling contracts.

Manifest has also found anomalies that are sure to catch the eye of fund managers such as Norwich Union, Standard Life and the Prudential, which have led the fight to bring down the length of directors' service contracts. Leon Allen, chairman of Devro, the sausage casing company, is recorded as having a fixed six-year service

Fit, and Sir Richard Storey, chairman of Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers. the publisher, have rolling five-year contracts. Four directors of Automotive Precision Holdings, , the engineering group, and two directors of PSIT, the prosperty and investment group, have

five-year fixed contracts. Other directors enjoying similar deals are Richard Kerr at Lowndes Lambert, the insurer, and Graeme Bowler at Kwik Save, the supermarkets group, who was criticised

contract. Tom Farmer, chairman of Kwik- for taking a £162,000 bonus last financial year when Kwik Save's profits dropped to £2.8 million and it cut 1.600 jobs.

Sarah Wilson, founder director of Manifest, says the only way of forcing companies to comply with best practice is for shareholders to exert pressure by voting their shares on all resolutions at annual meetings. She is working on research to establish a correlation between corporate governance best practice

and company performance.

In its submission to the Hampel

committee, Manifest is emphasising that the disclosure of information and communication with shareholders is of paramount importance as part of the corporate governance debate. It recom-mends that voting by show of hands at AGMs be abolished in favour of a secret ballot of proxy cards.

Manifest also wants companies to allow shareholders to submit proxy votes up to 24 hours before annual meetings if they are not going to attend. Currently the deadline is 48 hours.

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BY OLIVER AUGUST SHELL UK hopes to announce this week a shortlist of six proposals for what to do with the unwanted Brent Spar oil platform. The shortlist comes from 30 ideas submitted last year after Shell had to abandon its original plan to ditch the giant structure amid damaging protests at home and in Germany.

The plans include using the

platform as the foundation for

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Industry faces squeeze from sterling rally

By Janet Bush, economics editor

THE sharp rise in sterling has removed all the gains in British price competitiveness since 1992 and made British industry less competitive than during the pound's membership of the European exchange rate mechanism, according to the latest assessment of Britain's economic prospects from Oxford Economic Forecasting.

The new report buttresses growing fears among leading economists that British industry faces a damaging year as Britain acts to pre-empt inflation by raising interest rates relative to other countries.

The Oxford forecasters predict that sterling's strength will prevent a runaway consumer boom this year but also threatens to create a significant slowdown in growth in 1998 as exports and investment are squeezed and manufacturing is subdued. "While the stronger currency will help to offset the worst excesses of a price." it said.

Oxford noted that sterling's rally is likely to be coupled with higher interest rates. particularly necessary to prevent overheating in the hous-ing market. These two elements threaten to produce a significant slowdown in growth in 1998, which would limit the next government's room for manoeuvre. Douglas McWilliams of the Centre of Economics and Business Research suggests

that sterling and continental currencies are bound to diverge further. He argues that UK base rates will reach 8 per cent by spring 1998. At the same time, weaker continental economies, with growth likely to average only 1.7 per cent this year, need interest rates to fall. This divergence would also make it impractical for Britain to join a European currency at the start even if it wanted to, he says.

Roger Bootle, the Chancellor's latest independent economic adviser is equally alarmed. He predicts that base rates will rise by two quarter-point stages in the first half of 1997 to meet inflation threats he believes are exaggerated. Mr Bootle, chief economist at HSBC, argues that the rate rises will astating British industry by pricing exporters out of overseas markets.

Oxford predicts that base rates will rise to 7 per cent by the middle of this year, compared with the current level of 6 per cent. "We expect the Chancellor to raise interest rates by another quarter point soon, hoping that he can avoid another rise before the election," the report said. "But whichever party is in power from May, almost their first move will have to be to tighten monetary policy further, with interest rates rising to 7 per

cent by next summer."

While consumer spending is predicted to rise by more than 4 per cent this year on the back of tax cuts, falling unemploy-ment and massive windfalls, exporters face falling market shares and profit margins as a result of the double-digit ap-preciation in the pound over the past four months alone.

Oxford believes that overall economic growth will therefore be held back to 3.3 per cent in 1997, with underlying inflation broadly flat over the next year at around 3 per cent. In 1998 growth is predicted to slow to only 1.8 per cent. It also forecasts that ster-

ling's strength will lead to a deterioration in the balance of gle to maintain the growth of 1996 and strong domestic demand leads to an acceleration of imports. Oxford forecasts that the current account deficit will widen from around El billion in 1996 to some £3.6 billion this year. On the public finances, Ox-

ford is forecasting a drop in the public sector borrowing requirement to £23 billion in 1997-98 and then to £16.4 billion in 1998-99.



Among the proposed new uses for the Brent Spar oil rig are a wind and wave power plant and an artificial reef

Giordano faces half salary

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

RICHARD GIORDANO, chairman of British Gas. is half in May once he relinquishes stewardship of the soon-to-be-demerged supply side of the busin

The American, who has endured a storm of controversy over pay and his tax arrangements, is likely to be paid about £225,000 once he lets go of the reins at Centrica. the new persona for the household gas business. His successor will be Sir Michael Perry, former chairman of Unilever.

Mr Giordano, who has pre- chief executive whose salary sided over British Gas through increase sparked the controsome of its worst moments. versy over remuneration for including the uproar over executive pay and revelations of its exposure to costly take-or-pay fuel contracts, will Centrica in May.

His departure will come three months after the scheduled demerger of British Gas's supply business from its pipe-line and international activities. It will also coincide with the end of the involvement of Cedric Brown with British Gas. Mr Brown, the former

utility chiefs, left last year but has since been paid £10,000 a month as a consultant to the company. The contract for

that business ends in April. Mr Brown's departure from his full-time role last year was seen by some industry watchers as a means to begin restoring British Gas's tarnished image. There have been similar mutterings about Mr Giordano, who joined the company four years ago.

Salaries of some Centrica managers will be boosted by Giordano has said increases will be modest. Details will be revealed on Friday when Centrica's listing particulars are published.

It was clear when British Gas mooted a demerger that Mr Giordano could not easily head both companies but he had initially said he would stay at Centrica for less than a year. British Gas would not comment yesterday on the boardroom plans for Centrica.



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Coventry £30m transfer to quoted clubs team

COVENTRY CITY, the struggling Premiership team, is to become the latest football club to join the stock market with a £30 million flotation.

The club has appointed Apax Partners to advise on the float. Apax recently put together the reverse takeover of Conrad by Sheffield United, and Glen Cooper, its corporate finance director, floated Manchester United while working at Henry Ansbacher. Coventry plans to join the market in April, when it will be clear whether the battle against relegation has been

successful or not. The club replaced Ron Atkinson, the team manager who spent £11 million on players. with Gordon Strachan, his assistant, earlier than expected this season and it now stands 14th in the Premier-



Richardson: took control

ship, just four points above the relegation zone.
The club is controlled by Bryan Richardson, one of the cricketing brothers who formerly played for Lancashire. Mr Richardson took control

four years ago and is now chairman. He wants to raise money to develop land around in the centre of Coventry. He has a strong board of

directors, including Derek Higgs, the former merchant banker who is chairman of Prudential Portfolio Managers, and Geoffrey Robinson. the former Jaguar executive who is now a Labour MP and owner of the New Statesman. The club has not made a

profit in the 1990s. It had a

turnover of £7.19 million in the year to May 1995, the last accounts that are available. but made a loss of £861,000. A dozen teams have joined either the main market or AIM. Newcastle United plans the largest football float yet later this month, valuing it at

up to £200 million. Business of sport. page 33

Survey shows changing leadership trends

Marketing offers head start

By Jon Ashworth 160 senior executives inter-

viewed, some 37 per cent

MARKETING has overtaken finance as the fastest route up the corporate ladder, according to a wide-ranging boardroom survey. Foreign assignments can similarly smoothe the path to the chief executive's desk. although those with tyrannical leanings may find their options limited. Companies are increasingly

wide market share, according

to the survey. Developing

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success. Growing competition

and wider global presence will

also make the present style of

leadership — often centred on

one person at the top of a

hierarchical pyramid - increasingly counter-productive. Respondents expect the

scales to tilt in favour of teams. The survey says: "... business in much of the developed world still pays too much attention to the search for charismatic leadership, rather than engaging in the more difficult but less chancy task of permitting

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